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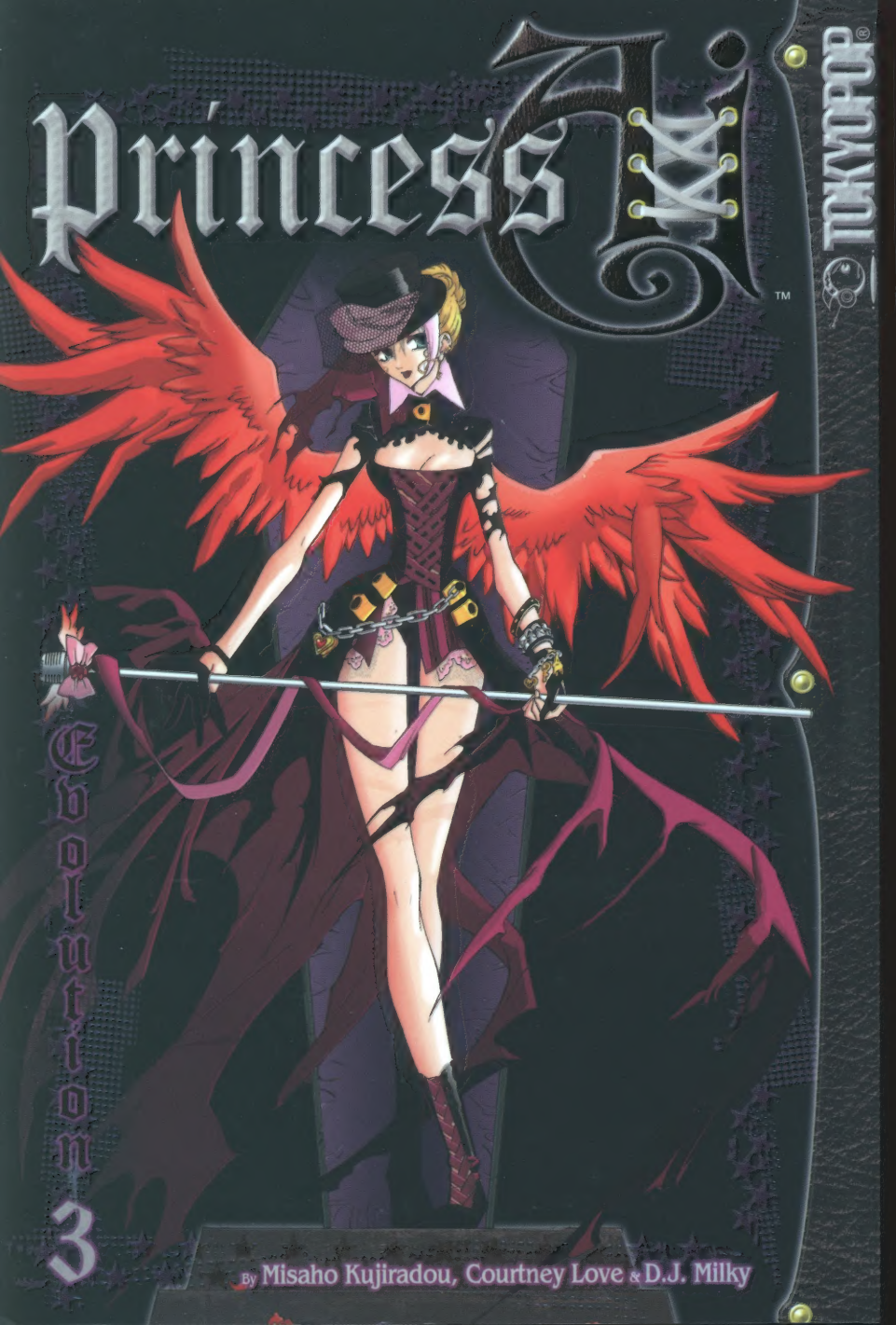

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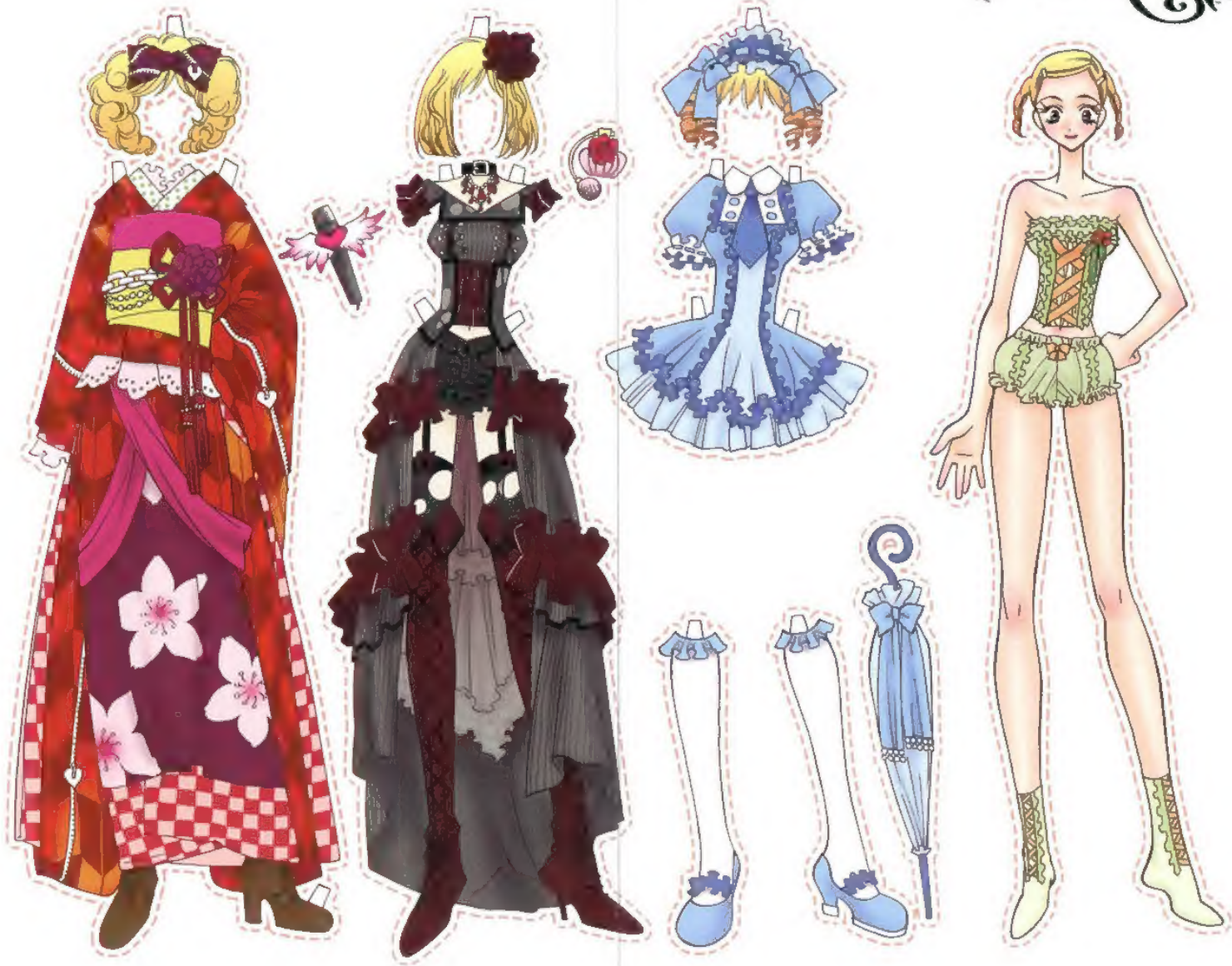

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about a Human king named Sei who quelled a revolt by "the devious Dougen beasts" of Ai-Land. While poring through it, Kent was interrupted by Fa'an. Fa'an inspired Kent to re-enter Ai's life, give her the book, and make Ai's quest his own.

Getting close to Ai was difficult, but not impossible. Realizing that Kent would not be happy without Ai, Hikaru distracted the security guard at H.T.A.'s gate long enough for Kent to slip by. Not knowing exactly where to find Ai, Kent used his guitar to serenade the entire condo complex in order to get Ai's attention. Before Ai could reach Kent, the young man was chased away by security. When she reached the ground level, Ai found that Kent had dropped the book he brought for her while making his escape.

That night, Ai fell asleep with the book on her pillow, and her dreams were filled with visions of Ai-Land and her past. She saw that many fantastic creatures lived in Ai-Land, but they were oppressed and enslaved by the Humans. Angels had a particularly hard existence as they were kept locked in cages and slowly bled. The angels' blood was used to create Tenketsu, a highly energetic substance that fuels Ai-Land. The scenes of torture were replaced by memories of Nora leading the Second Revolution and sending Ai to Earth in order to protect her. Ai recalled that her difficult parting with

Kent: A sweet, guitar-playing college librarian who offered Ai his home and his heart to keep her safe.

Hikaru: Kent's jealous and possessive gay roommate, Hikaru hated Princess Ai on sight. However, once he saw how deeply Kent cared for Ai, Hikaru helped bring them closer together.

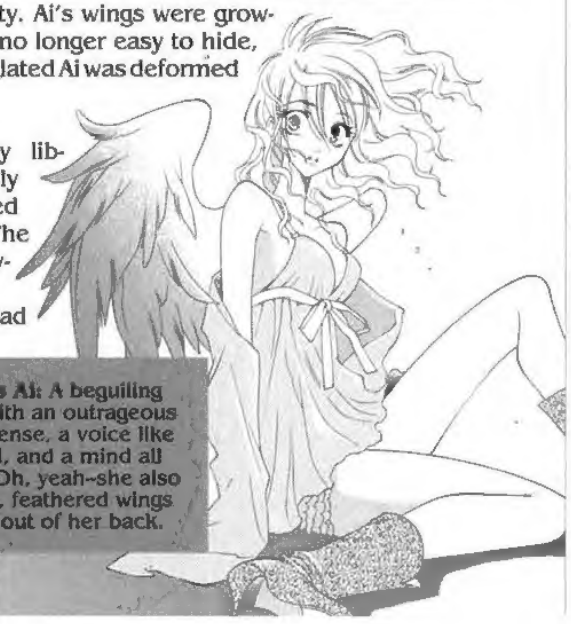
Princess Ai

Story Thus Far

Life in H.T.A.'s high-security compound has managed to keep Ai safe from the Ai-Land assassin known as Tess, but it has also made the young displaced princess feel trapped and irritable. Though driven to rediscover her lost memories, Ai upheld her part of the deal with H.T.A. and created many new songs and videos for the recording label. While making music, Ai started discovering a kind of magic in her performance, and when she experienced this power, it caused her wings to grow spontaneously.

As Ai complained about her "captivity" and Ai's manager Yoshi complained about her, Hayabusa plotted to incite scandals that would increase Ai's fan awareness...and her notoriety. Ai's wings were growing so much that they were no longer easy to hide, creating headlines that speculated Ai was deformed or even "part beast."

In the Shinjuku University library, a depressed and lonely Kent discovered a book called "Human Historical Myths: The Era of the First Ai-Landic Revolution." In it, Kent saw images of caged angels and read



Princess Ai: A beguiling woman with an outrageous fashion sense, a voice like an angel, and a mind all her own. Oh, yeah--she also has large, feathered wings growing out of her back.

Tess: One of the three Furies of Ai-Land, Tess was sent to Earth to drag Ai back home. After hunting and observing Ai, Tess underwent a radical change of heart and is now Ai's protector.

That night, at the TV studio, Tess attacked Ai during the performance. Ai told her band to keep playing and used her song to try to get through to Tess. When Tess knocked Ai into the audience, the crowd caught the young singer and shouted words of encouragement and support. As they did so, Ai's wings spontaneously grew larger and redder again, much to Tess' astonishment. Tess' confusion was understandable–amongst the Dougen, angel wings meant nobility, but none of the angels of Ai-Land had red wings like Ai's.

Though Ai couldn't explain her wings to Tess, she did manage to convince the Furie that she truly wanted to help the Dougen and make things right in Ai-Land. Tess agreed to trust Ai, though Takeshi and the TV station's security found it much more difficult to trust Tess. As Ai continued her show, they rushed the stage in an attempt to capture Tess. Almost casually, the Furie smashed one of the set's supports, bringing scaffolding, columns and tapestries crashing down around all of them.

Takeshi: Tough, tattooed and tawdry, he's a VIP at the nightclub Club Cupid who just happens to work for H.T.A., the hottest talent agency in Japan.

In the midst of the chaos, Kent rushed out of the audience and pulled Ai out of harm's way. Reunited at last, Ai gave Kent her heart-shaped locket and asked him to wear it so her heart would always be next to his.

Back in Ai-Land, the snake-winged Furie named Meggi sensed her sister Tess' change of heart and Nora made her vow to never again let go of the one she loved.

Waking from the terrible dream, Ai discovered that her heart-shaped pendant could be opened. Inside, there were images of the two most important men in Ai's life: King Sei and Nora. As Ai stared at the pictures, Nora's face was replaced by Kent's.

Needing solitude to think, Ai retreated to the roof of her building only to find a suicidal young woman about to jump. As the two spoke, Ai unknowingly began to sing to the other woman and Ai's song inspired the suicidal girl to continue living. When the girl expressed her gratitude, Ai discovered that her wings had spontaneously grown again and started changing color from white to red. This encounter led Ai to believe that her song might just have a power she could use to help her homeland...if she could figure out more about it.

In preparation for her first live television appearance, Ai was on a radio show that took calls from fans. During the show, Ai received a call from Kent, who asked for advice about re-entering his girlfriend's life. Not revealing that she knew him, Ai informed him that he should follow his heart... and that she had recently come to believe that two people together could accomplish things that neither one could alone.

Fa'an: An enigmatic street musician who helped Ai discover her flair for singing and helped Kent decide to re-enter Ai's life. He has a knack for appearing and disappearing at just the right time.

Nora: A leader of the revolutionaries in Ai-Land, this Angel wants equality–not superiority–over Humans...but not everyone shares his views.

Kaz: Nora's radical cousin who believes that the Human royal family must be conquered in order to achieve victory. Much to Nora's dismay, Kaz dispatched Tess and Meggi to capture Ai.

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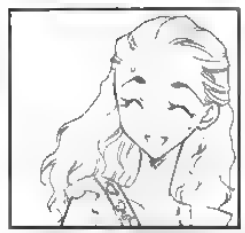
Yoshi: Ai's personal assistant, he is sometimes mistaken for a very tall woman.

Meggi: Tess' sister, this snake-winged Furie has been dispatched to Earth to fulfill Tess' mission.

Hayabusa: Takeshi's boss, the powerful president of H.T.A., who's allegedly connected with the Yakuza (the Japanese mob). Hayabusa dresses like a general and rules his company like a despot.

Hiro: Ai's manager. Stoic and by-the-book, he has a hard time dealing with Ai's unpredictability.



Jen: The one singer at Club Cupid who was nice to Ai. Jen has since become Ai's best friend.

reported it to Kaz. In order to have any hope of sealing away the Human royal family, Kaz dispatched Meggi to capture Ai.

Watching a recording of Ai's chaotic television appearance, Hayabusa reveled in the leap of notoriety it brought his most controversial star. However, Hayabusa was disturbed by Ai's rebellious refusals to cooperate and her threats to break her contract. Revealing what appeared to be a long-standing secret plan, Hayabusa ordered Takeshi to record more of Ai's songs, take her on a stadium tour, shoot every moment of her on video... and then take her out.

Princess Ai

CHAPTER

11

MY SISTER TAPED THE SHOW ON TV--I CAN'T WAIT TO WATCH IT AT HOME!
I CAN'T WAIT FOR HER NEXT CONCERT!

Yoshi & Hiro were busy...
MIKE'S SICK!
PHEEEW...

She'd cause a riot if she were...
SURE ENOUGH, SHE'S NOT HERE IN THE LOBBY..
I CAN'T BELIEVE KENT JUST RAN OFF...

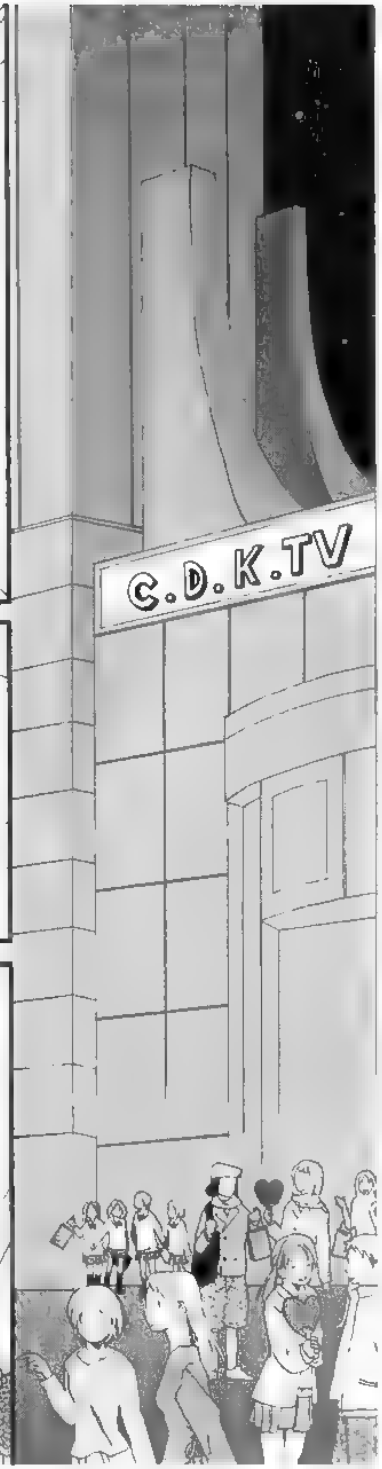
OWW!
X2

OH, I WISH I COULD FIND AI-- I REALLY HOPE SHE'S OKAY...
SHE WASN'T IN HER DRESSING ROOM.
EVEN YOSHI AND HIRO COULDN'T FIND HER...

OH, MY GOD! AI'S CONCERT WAS SOOO AMAZING!
I KNOW--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. IT WASN'T JUST A CONCERT-- IT WAS LIKE A FULL-ON SHOW!

PRINCESS AI'S SO ADORABLE.
I THINK I'M TURNING INTO HER GROUPIE!

Y'KNOW, THE THING ABOUT PRINCESS AI IS HOW MYSTERIOUS SHE IS.
ALMOST LIKE SHE'S FROM ANOTHER WORLD...
YEAH, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND ANY BACKGROUND INFO ABOUT HER ON THE WEB. I THINK THAT'S WHAT MAKES HER COOL, THOUGH.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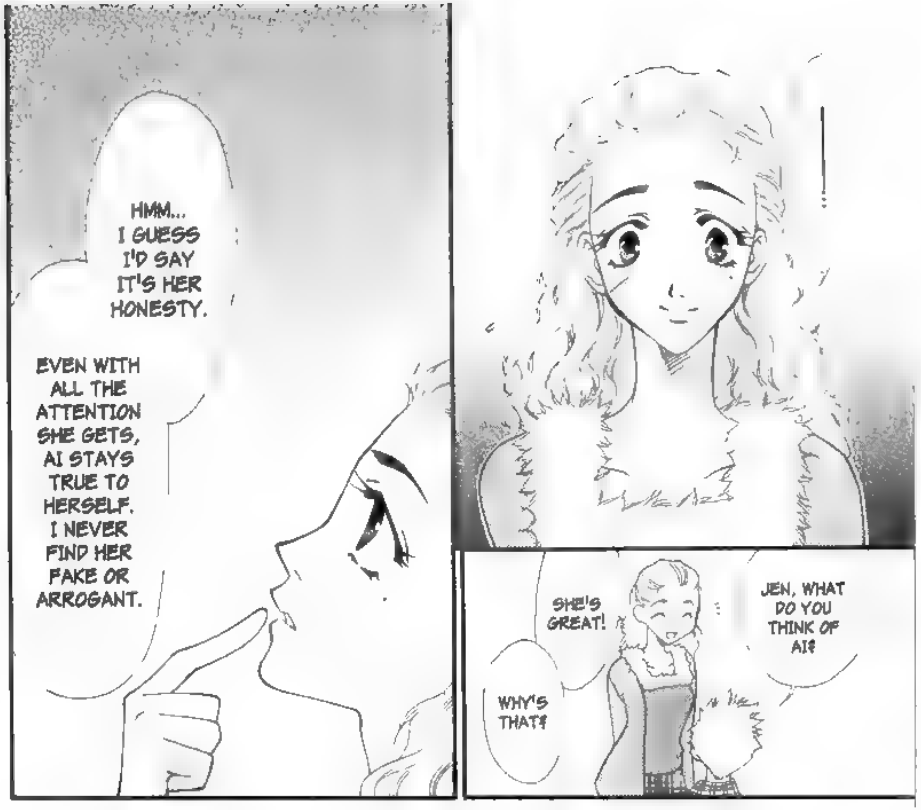
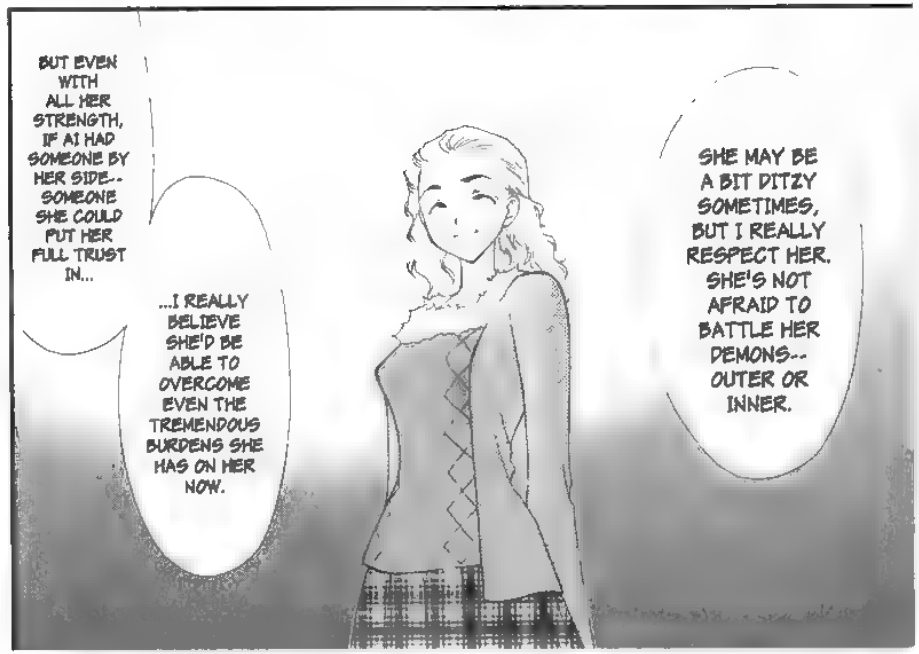
I'M HIKARU!
I'M HER FRIEND. MY NAME'S JEN.
SO, HOW DO YOU KNOW AI?
THAT'S SO AWESOME YOU KNOW KENT!
HIKARU, DO YOU HAVE A THING FOR AI?
OOOH... I'M SO JEALOUS!
THEY'RE TOGETHER, AREN'T THEY?
NO, SILLY-- FOR KENT!
HE'S SO PRECIOUS..
...BUT NOW I KNOW THAT KENT'S CHOSEN SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME.

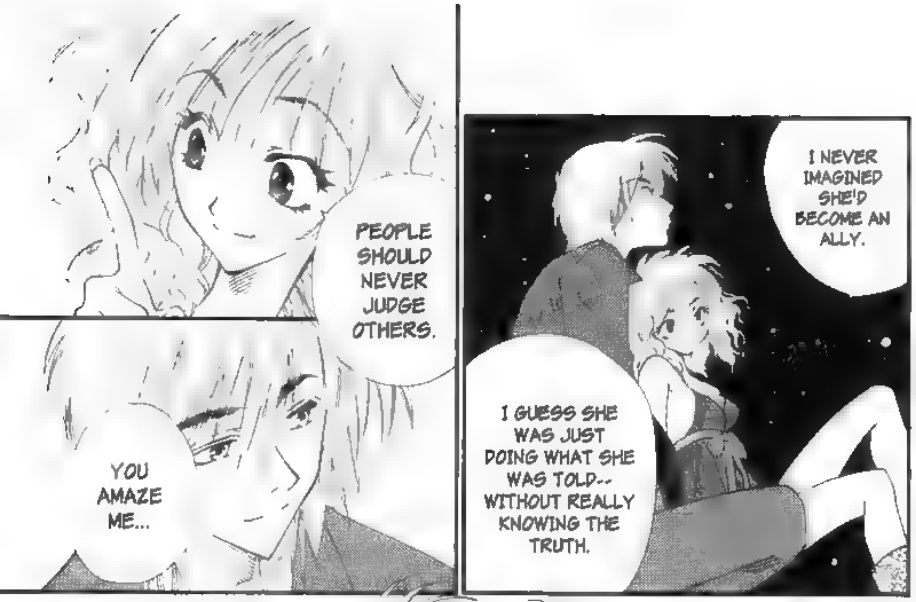
I WAS TOO BUSY LOOKING FOR
KENT
AI
TO NOTICE YOU.
THAT HURT...
HUH?
I'M SORRY...
DOES YOUR FRIEND KENT KNOW AI?
AI ALWAYS TALKS ABOUT A GUY NAMED KENT...
OF COURSE!
YOU KNOW AI?!
DID YOU JUST SAY "KENT"?!

PRINCESS AI IS PRINCESS DOOM!
AI, THE PRINCESS OF DOOM, IS HERE TO TAKE YOU ON THE PATH OF EVIL WITH HER DEVIL CHANTS!
SOMEONE SHE COULD PUT HER FULL TRUST IN...
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE EVIL SHE PROVOKED ON STAGE? STRAIGHT FROM THE BOWELS OF HELL!
Stop the evil noise!
MUSIC FROM HELL!!
HER WORDS ARE THOSE OF INSANITY!!
HIKARU, NEVER MIND THEM-- NO ONE CARES..
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? HIKARU?!
NOT THOSE WEIRDOES AGAIN...
AI THE SHE-DEVIL HAS COME TO TAKE AWAY YOUR LIFE!
YOU MUST NOT LET THE TEMPTATIONS OF DARKNESS COLOR YOUR WEAK AND WILLING SOULS!

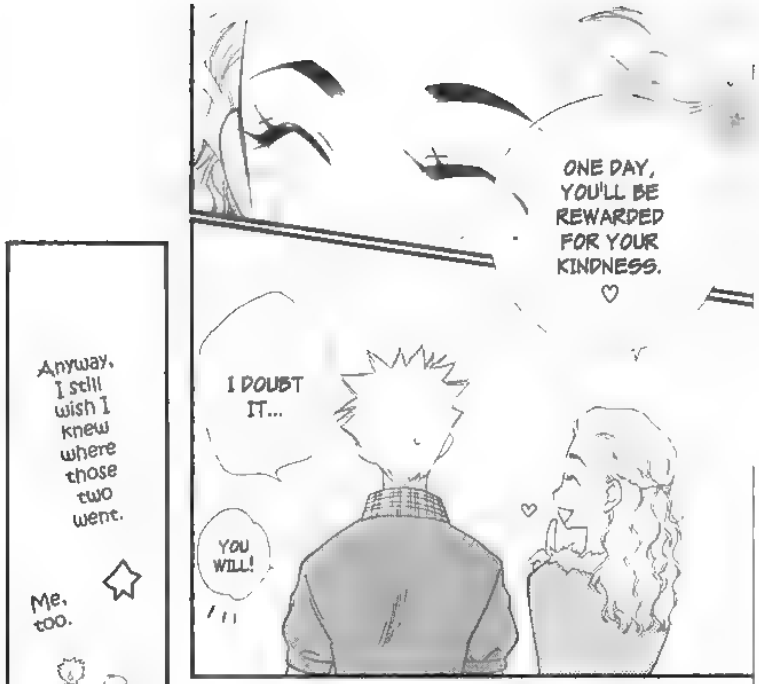

HMM... I GUESS I'D SAY IT'S HER HONESTY.
EVEN WITH ALL THE ATTENTION SHE GETS, AI STAYS TRUE TO HERSELF. I NEVER FIND HER FAKE OR ARROGANT.
SHE'S GREAT!
JEN, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF AI?
WHY'S THAT?

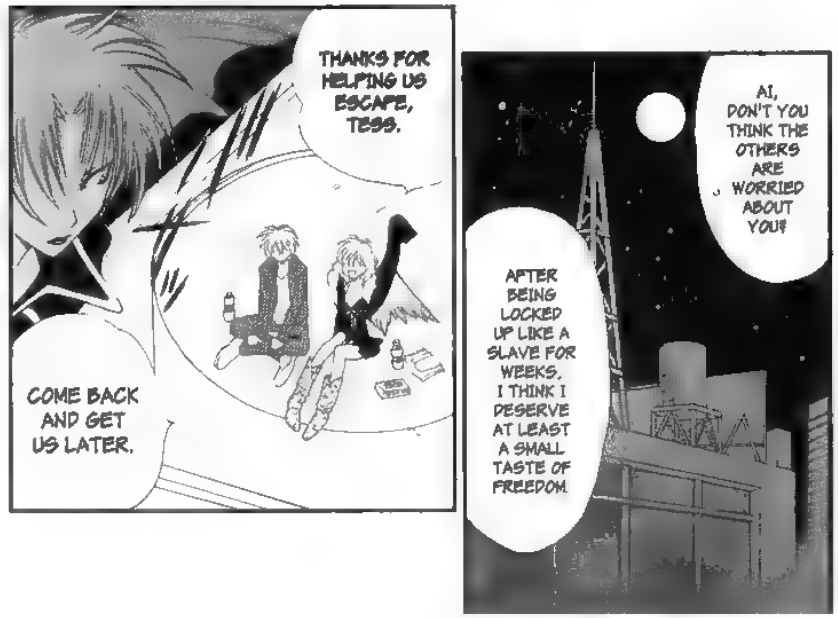

BUT EVEN WITH ALL HER STRENGTH, IF AI HAD SOMEONE BY HER SIDE-- SOMEONE SHE COULD PUT HER FULL TRUST IN...
...I REALLY BELIEVE SHE'D BE ABLE TO OVERCOME EVEN THE TREMENDOUS BURDENS SHE HAS ON HER NOW.
SHE MAY BE A BIT DITZY SOMETIMES, BUT I REALLY RESPECT HER. SHE'S NOT AFRAID TO BATTLE HER DEMONS-- OUTER OR INNER.

BUT, YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT'S OKAY--
HIKARU...
I SAW IT IN HIS EYES-- HE'S THE SOMEONE SHE CAN PUT HER FULL TRUST IN.
KENT DIDN'T CHOOSE ME-- HE CHOSE AI...
--AI'S MUSIC, HER SONGS, HER SPIRIT-- THEY'RE CONTAGIOUS.
EVEN THOUGH I STILL LOVE KENT--
--I'M HAPPY FOR HIM.
ME? I AM?
HIKARU, YOU'RE SO KIND.
I'M TIRED OF YOU INSULTING MY FRIEND, YOU LAME-ASS SUNGLASS-WEARING, KU KLUX KLAN-HOODED, IGNORANT FREAKS!!
FORGET AI TAKING AWAY MY LIFE-- WHY DON'T YOU GO FIND YOURS?!
AS SOON AS I SAW KENT...
...I KNEW THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO TO WIN HIM OVER. HE WAS HERS.
...RUN FROM HIS SEAT TO GO AND SAVE HER...
IT'S THAT KID AGAIN!
How dare you insult us!
LET'S GO.
HIKARU...


PEOPLE SHOULD NEVER JUDGE OTHERS.
YOU AMAZE ME...
I NEVER IMAGINED SHE'D BECOME AN ALLY.
I GUESS SHE WAS JUST DOING WHAT SHE WAS TOLD-- WITHOUT REALLY KNOWING THE TRUTH.

EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU-- YOU'VE TRULY BECOME AN OUTRIGHT ANGEL...
ME...?


ONE DAY, YOU'LL BE REWARDED FOR YOUR KINDNESS. ♡
I DOUBT IT...
YOU WILL!
Anyway, I still wish I knew where those two went.
Me, too.


THANKS FOR HELPING US ESCAPE, TESS.
COME BACK AND GET US LATER.
AI, DON'T YOU THINK THE OTHERS ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOU?
AFTER BEING LOCKED UP LIKE A SLAVE FOR WEEKS, I THINK I DESERVE AT LEAST A SMALL TASTE OF FREEDOM.

I NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY I HAD THESE WINGS...
I THOUGHT MAYBE I WAS A FREAK OF NATURE.
EVERY TIME I TRIED TO ASK MY FATHER EITHER ABOUT MY WINGS OR EVEN MY MOTHER--
HIS FACE WOULD TURN RED AND HE'D GET REALLY PISSED OFF!
BUT...
...WHEN YOU TOLD ME THEY WERE BEAUTIFUL...
...I NEVER FELT THAT FEELING BEFORE--SOMETHING INSIDE ME WOKE UP!
...BECAUSE OF YOU, KENT--I FEEL COMFORTABLE ENOUGH TO BE MYSELF.
EVEN IF I NEVER DISCOVER WHAT THESE WINGS OF MINE MEAN...

SOUNDS LIKE HE WAS TRYING TO PROTECT YOU FROM SOMETHING BAD HAPPENING.
THESE WINGS--MY FATHER DESPISED THEM WITH ALL HIS HEART
MAYBE--BUT HE SCARED ME.
HE WOULD THREATEN ME, SAYING THAT IF I EVER TOLD ANYONE OR SHOWED ANYONE MY WINGS, HE WOULD LOCK ME UP FOREVER.

MY BEST FRIEND WAS LISSA, MY TUTOR.
BUT I WAS TOO SCARED TO EVEN TELL LISSA ABOUT MY WINGS..
SOMETIMES WE'D SNEAK OUT OF THE CASTLE SO I COULD HANG OUT WITH THE "NORMAL" KIDS.
SOME OF IT.
SO, YOUR MEMORY'S BACK?
MY MOTHER--QUEEN LILITH--DIED GIVING BIRTH TO ME
MY FATHER--KING SEI...
HE WAS SO STRICT.

I HAVE TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, AI.
WHEN YOU LEFT ME...
...I WAS KINDA LOST.
WHICH DO YOU LIKE BETTER-- CHEESEBURGERS OR ME?
HUH? I HAVE TO CHOOSE...?
Hiya!
THEN, ONE DAY, SOME HIPPIE-LOOKING GUY WITH A GUITAR SHOWED UP IN THE LIBRARY...
NO WAY-- FA'AN?!
MY TURN? MAN, MY LIFE'S BEEN PRETTY BORING.
YOUR TURN, KENT.
MY OLD MAN'S FROM AMERICA AND MY MOM'S JAPANESE.
I'M, UM, ALLERGIC TO ONIONS...
UM...
uh...
UH...I LIKE, UM, CHEESEBURGERS AND PLAYING GUITAR...
YEAH
WOW
SO YOUR MOM AND DAD ARE DIFFERENT?
DIFFERENT KINDS OF HUMANS?

I MADE A PROMISE-- BOTH TO YOU AND TO MYSELF--
--NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...
...I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU.

THAT WHAT I CHOOSE TO DO IS WITHIN MY OWN POWER. PRETTY TRIPPY STUFF.
HE TOLD ME NOT TO DOUBT WHAT I FEEL INSIDE.
THAT GUY WAS THE ONE WHO CLUED ME IN.
DON'T ASK ME-- THIS STUFF IS ALL BEYOND ME.
I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN HELP YOU, OR IF I'LL JUST BE IN THE WAY
BUT...
DO YOU THINK... HE'S WATCHING OVER ME?

YOU BEING HERE WITH ME--THAT'S ALL I ASK FOR...
WHATEVER YOU NEED FROM ME, AI, JUST ASK.
THAT REMINDS ME...
FOR LUCK...
WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS PENDANT THING YOU GAVE ME EARLIER?
ALWAYS KEEP IT AROUND YOU, CLOSE TO YOUR HEART. I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME IT WILL PROTECT YOU--AND US...

I FEEL LIKE I'M SO CLOSE TO FINDING THE TRUTH...
I REALLY FEEL THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THE MUSIC INSIDE ME--LIKE I CAN FIND THOSE ANSWERS THERE, INSIDE MY MUSIC.

I...

I WANT TO FIND THE ANSWERS...

BUT WHAT HAPPENS TO US...

SQUEEZ
I THOUGHT I WAS NEVER GOING TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
I WAS SO, SO WORRIED!
WAAGH-- PRINCESS!!
YOU'RE SUCH A DRAMA QUEEN YOSH!
I WAS OUT ALL NIGHT
YOU THINK?
YOUR WINGS ARE SO BIG NOW...
...YOU COULD FLY AWAY FROM US AT ANY TIME!
glance
SO YOU BROUGHT A NEW FRIEND
BETTER NOT DO THAT AGAIN...
DON'T WORRY-- I'M HERE TO SING.

...ONCE I FIND THE ANSWERS I'M LOOKING FOR?

I DON'T KNOW MUCH
ALL I KNOW IS HIDING FROM HUMANS. IN THE CAVES WHERE WE DOUGEN WHO ARE LEFT TAKE REFUGE.
ALL OF US HAVE PLACED OUR HOPE FOR FREEDOM IN NORA THE LEADER OF OUR REVOLUTION
I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT ATTRACTED NORA TO YOU. HE WAS RIGHT ALL ALONG
I HAVE TO FIND THE ANSWERS-- TO HELP ALL OF YOUR FELLOW DOUGEN...
WOW!
HEY, KENT-- AI'S ON TV!

THIS IS TESS-- SHE'S MY NEW FRIEND AND BODYGUARD.
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SORRY, TESS.
I'M CALLING YOU MY "BODY-GUARD" SO PEOPLE DON'T ASK...
THAT'S MY INTENTION ANYWAY
TESS, PLEASE TELL ME ABOUT AI-LAND ON THE WAY...
LET'S GET GOING, PRINCESS. WE'VE GOT A PHOTO SHOOT, RECORDING SESSION AND A PLANNING MEETING.

I FEEL SO HONORED BY ALL YOUR E-MAILS AND LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.
THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
AFTER THAT, I'LL DEPART ON MY FIRST WORLD TOUR.
WHILE IT MAY NOT BE MUCH...
...I PLAN TO HOLD A SPECIAL AUTOGRAPH SESSION THIS WEEKEND.
huff
huff
SO... I GUESS YOU'RE GOING?
suitcase
checkbook
KENT ...?
WORLD TOUR?! WOW!
AI'S REALLY BECOME A STAR-- HASN'T SHE, KENT?
Virginal
Princess Ai Autograph Session "Angelic Confessions"
Record-breaking hit with over 10 million sold!!
WITH OVER TEN MILLION ALBUMS SOLD IN LESS THAN ONE WEEK, PRINCESS AI'S DEBUT IS THE FASTEST-SELLING MEGA-HIT EVER!
PRINCESS AI HAS TOPPED ALL THE CHARTS SINCE HER SMASH DEBUT!

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WAS STANDING BY, READY TO ATTACK WHEN NECESSARY--I JUST PULLED HER OUT AT THE END.
BUT...
LOOKS LIKE IT WAS YOU--NOT ME--WHO ENDED UP PROTECTING HER AFTER ALL, KENT
I'M IMPRESSED
HUH?

Princess Ai Autograph Session
THE SPECIAL SET USED FOR HER AUTOGRAPH SESSION IS AN IMMACULATE GOTHIC DESIGN, WITH PURPLE AND BLACK THROUGHOUT.
GRRR
KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED
SECURITY'S SO TIGHT--THEY DID A FULL BODY SEARCH.
HAVE TROUBLE GETTING IN? YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD THEM GET ME.
WHEW--I FINALLY MADE IT...
Hah! Hah!
SO FAR, SO GOOD...
HOW'S THE SESSION GOING?

..YOU KNOW HOW YOU CAN BE SOUND ASLEEP BUT NOT KNOW YOU WERE SLEEPING UNTIL YOU SUDDENLY WAKE UP? IT WAS KIND OF LIKE THAT.
WELL...
SOME-THING JUST CLICKED, AND I KNEW SHE NEEDED ME.
scratch scratch
...
HMM.
...I WONDER IF SHE NEEDS ME...
...
.....
MAN, TALK ABOUT PRESSURE.
WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO COME BACK FOR HER...
...EVEN AFTER SHE TOLD YOU TO STAY AWAY?

WE WOULDN'T BE WITH HER IF SHE DIDN'T NEED US...
...THIS IS BIGGER THAN EITHER OF US.
KENT...
flick
SHE TRUSTS YOU, TAKESHI-- THAT'S WHY SHE FEELS SHE CAN GO ON. I'M SURE YOU'RE THE ONLY REASON SHE'S STILL WITH H.T.A.
HUH?
TRUST..
HMPH.

...I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT LIMITS YOU MEAN...
...OR WHAT YOU'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT...
...BUT IT DEFINITELY SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE REACHED YOURS.

OKAY. STAY ALERT.
EVERY-THING'S FINE, SIR.
...ON NOT GETTING EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED IN MY WORK.
I ALWAYS PRIDED MYSELF...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
OH, NOTHING REALLY...
BUT I GUESS...
...EVERYONE HAS THEIR LIMITS...
TAKESHI

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CHAPTER

12

Evolution

I STILL THINK IT SHOULD BE ME, NOT HER--BUT I'M OVER IT.
PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD LOVE OUR AI.
NEITHER CAN I.
JEEZ...I STILL CAN'T GET USED TO HOW POPULAR YOU'VE BECOME.
WELL... I REALLY FEEL A BOND WITH MY FANS, BUT I'M NOT SURE.
HAS THIS SHORT TOUR BROUGHT YOU CLOSER TO ANY ANSWERS?
WE BOTH KNOW I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
AI-LAND WON'T WAIT FOREVER FOR ME--
HOW CAN I USE MY MUSIC TO HELP THE DOUGEN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...!
BUT HOW CAN I NOT WORRY...!
AT LEAST I HOPE...
...I'M SURE YOU'RE RIGHT...
YEAH..
DON'T WORRY-- YOU'LL GET THERE...
PRINCESS AI SHOULD ARRIVE ANY MOMENT NOW WITH HER ENTOURAGE.
AND HERE SHE COMES!!
LONDON, LOS ANGELES, AND NOW SYDNEY--PRINCESS AI HAS REALLY TAKEN THE WORLD BY STORM WITH HER STADIUM CONCERT EXTRAVAGANZAS!
I'M REPORTING TO YOU LIVE FROM SYDNEY AIRPORT, WHERE THRONGS OF FANS HAVE GATHERED TO WISH AI A SAFE TRIP BACK HOME TO JAPAN.
AND HER FANS ARE GOING WILD!
PRINCESS AI HAS ARRIVED !!

MY MASTER PLAN IS UNFOLDING EVEN MORE IMPECCABLY THAN I HAD IMAGINED.
INDEED SHE HAS--AND THIS PLAYS INTO MY HAND PERFECTLY.

TOMORROW NIGHT'S STADIUM CONCERT WILL BE THE ULTIMATE STAGE.
IN DUE COURSE, ZOROA.

IF IT SO PLEASES YOU, MISTER HAYABUSA, COULD YOU POSSIBLY REVEAL YOUR PLAN?
I HAVE GIVEN MY DISCIPLES THEIR ORDERS... JUST AS YOU REQUESTED.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN IF OUR PRECIOUS PRINCESS AI WAS MURDERED DURING THAT CONCERT?
THE SHOW WILL BE SIMULCAST ON TELEVISION IN OVER 80 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE, WITH OVER 80 MILLION VIEWERS.

AH, ZOROA, GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US...
AS PRINCESS AI RETURNS TO JAPAN FOR HER GRAND FINALE HOMECOMING CONCERT, WE'LL BE BRINGING YOU NONSTOP LIVE COVERAGE.
YES...SHE SHOULD BE LEAVING SYDNEY SHORTLY...
MISTER HAYABUSA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION. I WAS JUST WATCHING YOUR NEW DIVA'S NEWS REPORT.
IT SEEMS THIS NEW DIVA HAS GAINED WORLDWIDE POPULARITY IN A RECORD AMOUNT OF TIME.
YOU HAVE TRULY OUTDONE YOURSELF, MISTER HAYABUSA.

IF TAKESHI DOES NOT MAKE HIS MOVE, YOU MUST DO IT.
HE CLEARLY HAS FEELINGS FOR THAT BITCH, SO I HAVE TO BE REALISTIC. I CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT TAKESHI WILL DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
TAKESHI.
HE'S BEEN GIVEN HIS ORDERS--BUT I HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT TAKESHI MAY BE WEAKER THAN I HAD HOPED.
EITHER WAY, YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO ACT FAST. IF TAKESHI OBEYS MY COMMAND AND TERMINATES HER, YOU MUST MOVE IN AND APPREHEND HIM. IT IS LIKELY HE WILL RESIST--AND EVEN IF HE DOESN'T, YOU WILL TAKE HIM OUT.
TAKE HER OUT, TAKE HIM OUT AND SET IT UP SO THAT EVERYONE THINKS TAKESHI DID IT. I AM COUNTING ON YOUR ABILITY TO EXECUTE THE PERFECT SHOW.
IT WILL LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ACTING IN DEFENSE OF H.T.A.

WE WILL ALL STAND TO MAKE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PROFIT--FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
WE CAN RELEASE AND REPACKAGE CD AFTER CD, DVD AFTER DVD OF UNRELEASED CONTENT, REMIXES, TRIBUTES, MEMORIAL ANCILLARY GOODS--WHATEVER WE CAN DREAM UP.
PRINCESS AI WOULD BECOME A LEGEND--JUST LIKE JAMES DEAN OR JIMI HENDRIX OR KURT COBAIN. OUR CONTRACT WITH AI ASSURES US THAT IN THE EVENT OF HER DEATH, H.T.A. WILL CONTROL ALL RIGHTS AND REVENUE STREAMS--IN PERPETUITY.
--IS HE INVOLVED AS WELL?
UM, SIR... WHAT ABOUT TAKESHI? HE'S YOUR RIGHT-HAND MAN--
HIRO...
YOUR ROLE IS CRITICAL.
YES, SIR!

YOU MUST REALLY BE POOPED.
THANKS, JEN.
I BROUGHT YOUR BAG.
FINALLY, I GET TO SLEEP IN MY OWN BED! ♡
NO ONE TOLD ME HOW EXHAUSTING A WORLD TOUR WOULD BE.

NOW, TIME FOR A TOAST!
TO OUR SOON-TO-BE IMMORTAL ROCK DIVA AND AN ETERNITY OF GUARANTEED PROFITS!
ZOROA, YOU HAVE A SIMPLE ROLE. I HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR A LONG TIME, AND YOU HAVE DONE WELL BUILDING YOUR ARMY OF SUBSERVIENT FREAKS.
SINCE THEY CLING TO YOUR EVERY WORD, YOUR JOB IS EASY GET THEM TO WREAK HAVOC AND INCITE THE CROWD THE MORE COMMOTION WE HAVE, THE BETTER
IN A WORST-CASE SCENARIO, IN WHICH EVEN HIRO MAY FAIL WITH HIS PLAN, HAVE A FEW OF YOUR MEN READY TO DO THE DEED IF NEED BE.
YOUR REWARD WILL BE MORE THAN GENEROUS, AS IT ALWAYS IS.

EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE BECOME A SUPERSTAR, SURROUNDED BY ALL THESE TALENTED PEOPLE--YOU'VE STAYED A TRUE FRIEND.
NO, I'M NOT EXAGGERATING-- I REALLY LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
AI, YOU'RE SUCH A DRAMA QUEEN.
YOU'RE LIKE THE SISTER I NEVER HAD.
Hug
Hug
Hug
AI, YOU'RE SO SWEET.
I'M REALLY PROUD OF WHO YOU'VE BECOME, AI.

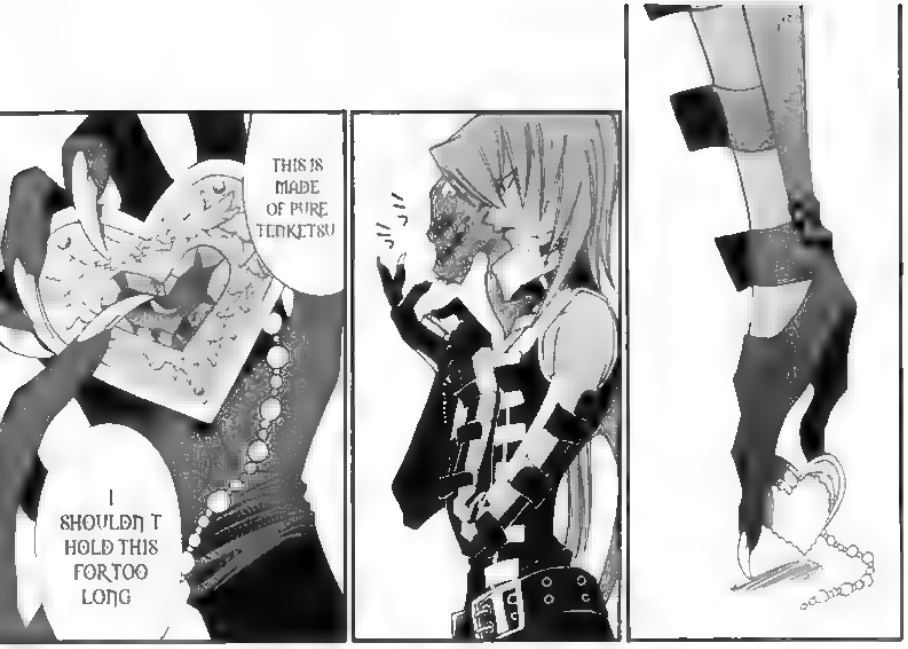
Good night!
SLEEP TIGHT, PRINCESS!
PRINCESS IF YOU NEED ME, JUST CALL.
SURE.
GET PLENTY OF REST!
I'M BEAT, TOO. GUESS IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO HOME.
GOOD NIGHT, AI!
JEN, YOU'RE THE BEST!
WELL, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT. OKAY, I'LL STAY OVER.
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME TO THE CONCERT TOMORROW, RIGHT? IF YOU STAY HERE, IT'LL BE WAY EASIER FOR YOU!
Not you, Jen!
YOU'VE GOT ALL YOUR STUFF WITH YOU.
AND THERE'S A HUGE SOFA BED IN MY LIVING ROOM.
It's girls' slumber party night!

!
HEY, YOU-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU STAY HERE PRINCESS- I'LL GO
THAT'S WHERE JEN IS!
AGGHH!!
!
PRINCESS, WAKE UP!
THERE'S AN INTRUDER IN THE LIVING ROOM.
INTRUDER ...?
I'VE GOT IT--!
Ummh
HOW DARE YOU STEAL AI'S PRECIOUS BOX?!

Ding
HM?

THIS GUY'S DEAD
SOMETHING'S STRANGE.
AM I... DYING... TOO...?
AI...
PLEASE... DON'T CRY...
BECAUSE... I'M REALLY... PROUD... OF YOU, AI....

JEN!!
OH MY GOD! JEN, ARE YOU OKAY?!
JEN, CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
JEN...
BUT... WHEN I TOUCHED... THE BOX...
...I... FELT SO... WEAK...
THE BOX... THAT... YOU CHERISH SO MUCH... AI...
I...I... GOT IT... BACK.


THIS IS MADE OF PURE TENKETSU
I SHOULDN T HOLD THIS FORTOO LONG

EVEN DOUGEN EXPOSED TO TENKETSU FORTOO LONG OFTEN HAVE NARCOTIC REACTIONS
IF HUMANS TOUCH TENKETSU IT CAN EASILY MEAN DEATH
TENKETSU-- THE BLOOD OF ANGELS
THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF ENERGY THROUGHOUT AI-LAND

YOU ARE SO SPECIAL... PLEASE KEEP SINGING AND, TOUCHING HEARTS... FOREVER..
JEN! IF ONLY I WARNED YOU EARLIER NEVER TO TOUCH MY HEART-SHAPED BOX!
AI... DON'T WORRY... ABOUT ME...
THERE ARE... SO...MANY OTHERS... WHO NEED... YOU...
JEN! DON'T GO!!
NO!
I KNOW... YOU'LL FIND... THE ANSWERS... YOU... SEEK...

YOU ARE OF DOUGEN BLOOD-- JUST LIKE ME.
YOU ARE NOT HUMAN. PRINCESS AI.

JEN.. PLEASE.. SAY SOME-THING..
PLEASE..
PRINCESS PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER
PLEASE..
WINGS WITH RED FEATH ERS
THE TRUTH HAS BECOME OBVIOUS
AND NO PHYSICAL REACTION TO TENKETSU
TEARS OF
--RED?"

GOOD MORNING, PRINCESS
I CAN'T BELIEVE JEN'S... DEAD...
PLEASE LET GO OF ME.
grab
YES, HE WORKED FOR ME...
...BUT HE DID WHAT HE DID ON HIS OWN.
HE WORKED FOR YOU, DIDN'T HE?!
THAT THIEF LAST NIGHT-- I'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE!

AI!
...EVEN THOUGH I KNEW HOW DANGEROUS IT WAS!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
I FORCED JEN TO STAY OVER...
AND I LEFT THAT DAMN BOX OUT...

I HAVE TO DO THIS...
...FOR JEN.

SHE JUST LOST HER BEST FRIEND!
FORGET ABOUT THE STUPID CONCERT!
AI, TONIGHT'S CONCERT IS IN OSAKA.
YOU HAVE TO GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF.

NO-- TAKESHI'S RIGHT.
I WANT TO...
AI, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS.

WRIGGLE
!!
ROW!
HUH?
PRINCESS- GET DOWN!

PIT STOP TIME.
SCREECH
PRINCESS, FOR YOUR PROTECTION, PLEASE STAY ON THE BUS.
Ah, my back hurts!
Aren't we there yet...?
THEY ENSLAVE ANGELS TO DRAW THEIR BLOOD IN ORDER TO USE ITS ENERGY...
..AND EVEN MAKE ORNAMENTS ...!
THE SAME SUBSTANCE THAT SUPPORTS AI-LAND ALSO KILLS PEOPLE.
WHY DO I EVEN HAVE THIS VULGAR TRINKET?
AS EVIDENCE ...?
OKAY. BE CAREFUL, KENT.
SEEMS FISHY.
I HEARD FROM YOSHI THAT NO ONE'S EVEN CONTACTED THEM YET.
AI...
...I'M GOING TO CALL THE COPS.

SHUT UP!!
WITH MORALS LIKE THOSE IT'S NO WONDER YOU WOULD KILL YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND
MEGGI STOP THIS NOW! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
SHE'S NOT HUMAN SHE'S DOUGEN! SHE'S ONE OF US!
YOU AND KAZ HAVE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT KAZ WANTS
PERHAPS SHE CAN WIN YOU WITH HER WILY WAYS BUT NOT ME!
SO, MISS AI..
..YOU THINK YOUR LOVE CAN CONQUER ALL?
FOOL!
AS YOU JUMP FROM ONE MAN TO ANOTHER YOU DON'T EVEN REALIZE THAT THE MEN YOU THINK YOU LOVE HAVE BEEN WITH OTHERS ALL ALONG!
IT SEEMS MY BIG SIS HAS GONE ASTRAY-- SIDING WITH THIS WRETCHED HUMAN
WELL WELL
A SNAKE?
PRINCESS- BEWARE THE SNAKE AND HER WORDS- BOTH ARE VENOMOUS
MEGGI
BUT THAT'S OKAY--IT WILL PLEASE KAZ ALL THE MORE IF I BRING YOU BOTH BACK

NORA'S PLAN IS THE RIGHT ONE WE CAN'T WIN UNLESS WE FIND PEACE. PRINCESS AI IS THE KEY TO FINDING THAT PEACE
AI'S NOT THE EVIL HUMAN PRINCESS THAT KAZ IS SO WORRIED ABOUT. NORA KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING ALL ALONG!
JUST THINK ABOUT IT. WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU.
MEGGI. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO JOIN US AND FIND THE WAY TO GET PRINCESS AI BACK TO AI LAND, THAT'S FINE. BUT DON'T STAND IN THE WAY OF THE TRUE GOALS OF THE SECOND REVOLUTION.
MY BEAUTIFUL BABIES KNOW YOUR SMELL AND CAN LEAD ME TO YOU AS SOON AS I SORT OUT MY FEELINGS. I'LL BE BACK.
I KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOU.
Look, it's a bouquet of flowers.
TAKE THAT!
Nice combo, Tess!
Cut it out, Tess!
Heebie-jeebie

AH, MY SWEET KAZ. I WILL MAKE YOU PROUD OF ME AND NOT LET--!
THAT YOU'RE JEALOUSY AND VENGEANCE TO MANIPULATE YOUR ENEMIES THAT FLOWERS REPRESENT PURE JOY AND FELICITY WHICH YOU SO DESPISE?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I KNOW THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF MY SISTER?
GET THOSE FLOWERS AWAY FROM ME!
JUST LOOKING AT THEM MAKES ME SICK!
DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT THE SECOND REVOLUTION?
MEGGI. IS KAZ ALL YOU CARE ABOUT?
WHAT ABOUT YOUR FELLOW DOUGEN WHO ARE ENSLAVED AS WE SPEAK?

TESS...
YOU REALLY ARE A TRUE FRIEND. THANK YOU.

I'M JUST A BURDEN-- RELYING ON EVERYONE ELSE TO SAVE ME.
THANK YOU, TESS.
NO
HUH?
YOU'RE NOT A BURDEN ON ANYONE.
FRIENDS RELY ON EACH OTHER AND ARE THERE FOR EACH OTHER. THAT MUTUAL SUPPORT IS WHAT MAKES US STRONG.
AND THAT STRENGTH ONLY GROWS AS THE FRIENDSHIP DEEPENS.
THAT'S HOW JEN FELT ABOUT YOU PRINCESS.

CHAPTER

12

FIN

I ALREADY SENSED YOUR CALLING. I AM READY FOR YOUR COMMAND
ALEXA'
YOUR SISTERS ARE BOTH ON THE OTHER SIDE. TESS HAS BEEN TURNED BY THAT EVIL HUMAN WITCH. I DON'T BELIEVE MEGGI WILL MEET THE SAME FATE. BUT I CANNOT BE SURE. THERE IS NO TIME LEFT TO TAKE CHANCES.
YOU MUST JOIN THEM. USE YOUR POWER TO KEEP MEGGI ON YOUR SIDE. AND BRING AI BACK. AT ALL COSTS!
AT YOUR COMMAND

Princess Ai

CHAPTER

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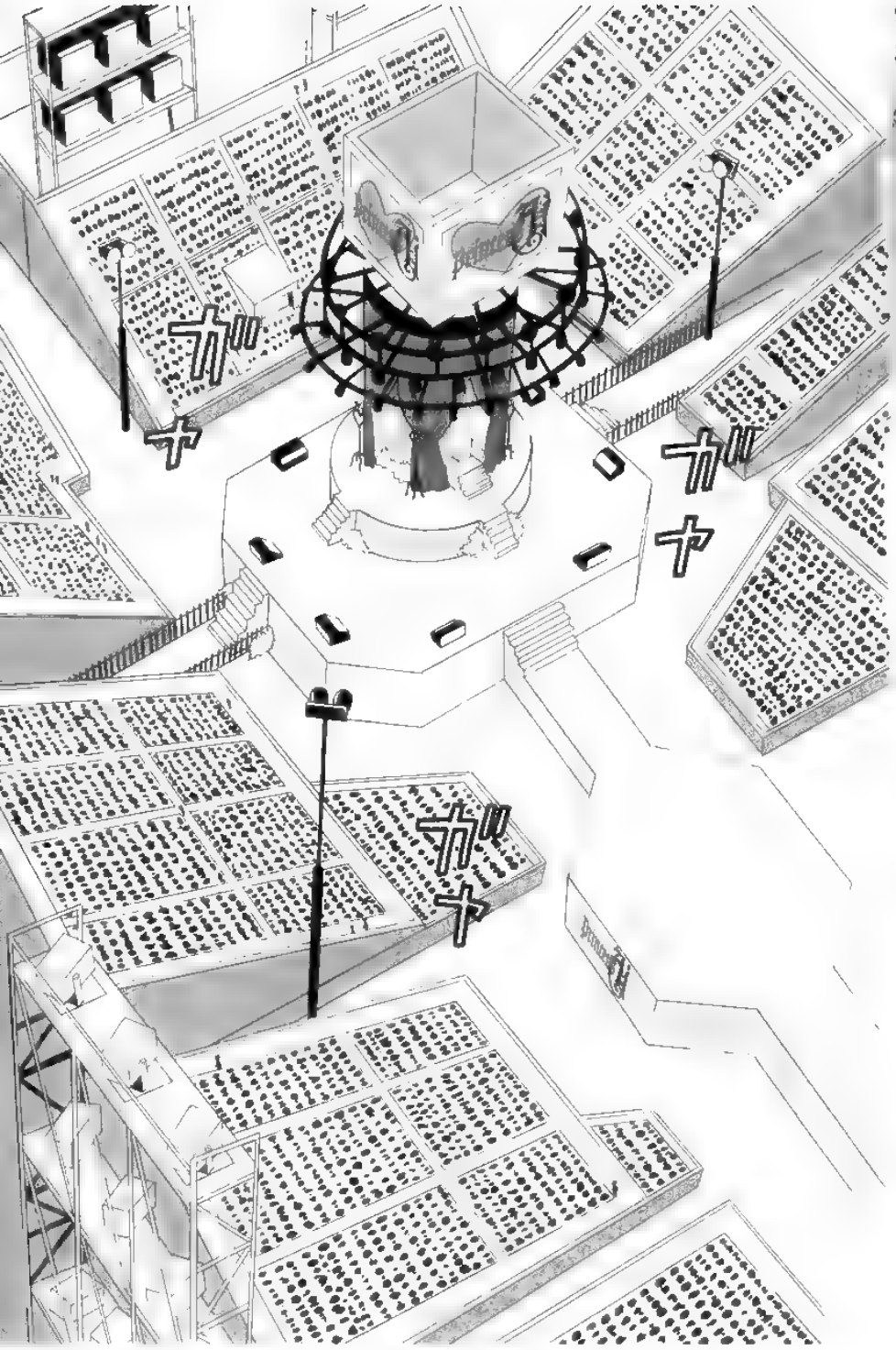
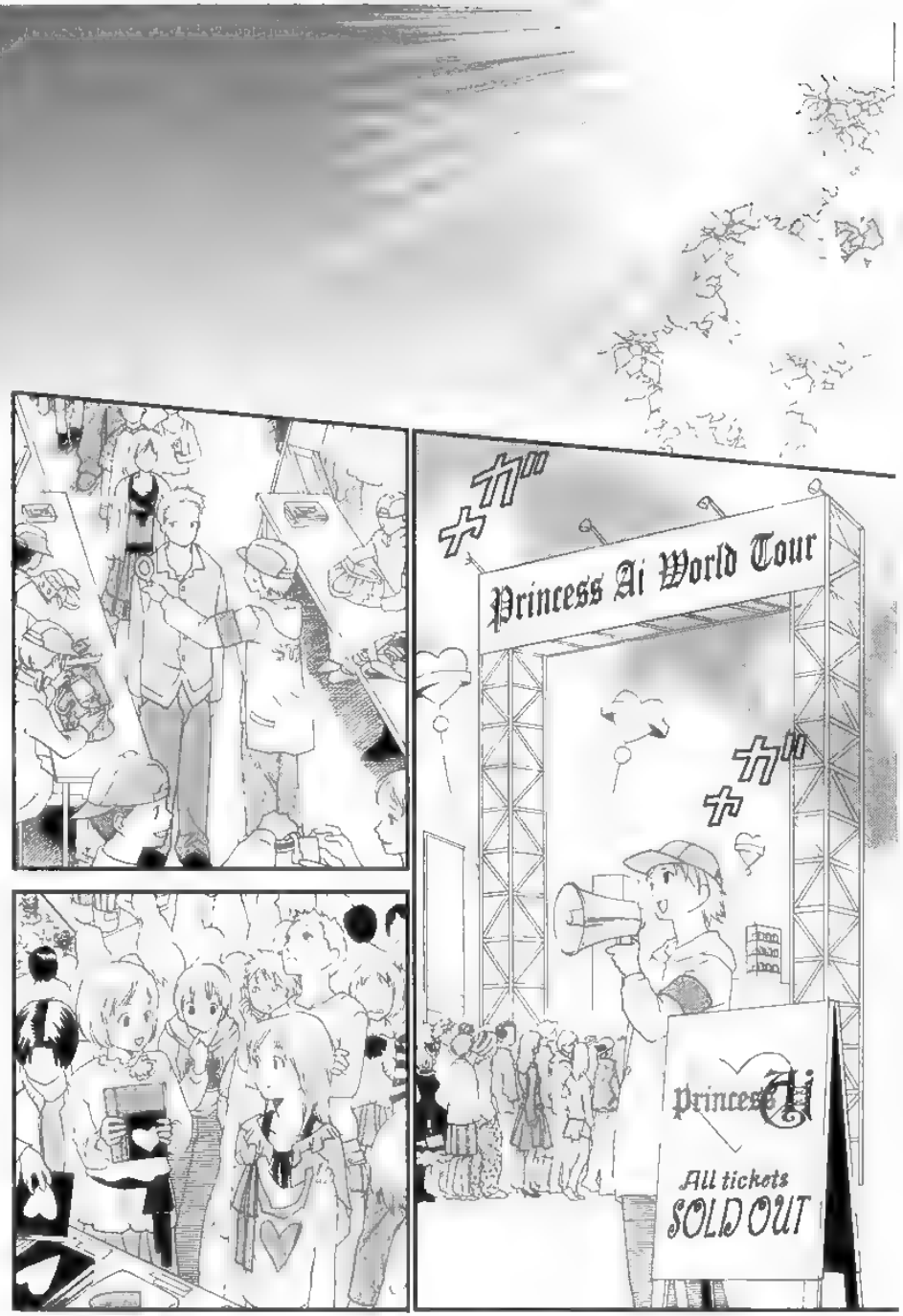



Princess Ai World Tour
Princess Ai
All tickets
SOLD OUT

Princess Ai
Dressing Room
Enter and perish!
--Ai
SLASH
I CAN'T HELP IT, KENT. THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT, THE MORE PISSED OFF I GET!
EVERYTHING PISSES ME OFF--THIS DAMN BOX, THE ASS-HOLE WHO TRIED TO STEAL IT--
--AND, MOST OF ALL, ME!
AI, GET AHOLD OF YOUR-SELF!

AT LEAST AFTER TONIGHT, OUR PRINCESS CAN FINALLY REST.
EVERYONE'S SO EXHAUSTED AFTER THIS WORLD TOUR. I CAN'T BELIEVE TONIGHT'S THE FINAL SHOW.
I heard this stadium holds over 100,000 people!
WOW, YOSHI, IT'S SO CROWDED OUT THERE.
I THINK I'M MORE NERVOUS THAN PRINCESS AI...
PRINCESS AI IS DOING THIS FOR JEN--SHE NEEDS OUR SUPPORT TONIGHT.
HIKARU, IT'S HARDER ON THE PRINCESS THAN ANY OF US.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW AI CAN GET ON STAGE AND PERFORM.
I CAN'T BELIEVE JEN'S GONE...IT'S JUST NOT THE SAME WITHOUT HER.

BUT IT WON'T BRING JEN BACK-- SO HOW CAN IT BE FOR HER?!
THIS CONCERT-- I'M SUPPOSED TO DO IT FOR JEN, RIGHT?
AND I LET JEN DOWN!
IT'S...
...IT'S... JUST ANOTHER SELFISH EXCUSE!!
IF...
...IF IT WASN'T FOR ME, JEN WOULD STILL BE ALIVE TODAY.
...I NEED TO HEAR YOU SING TONIGHT.
NO...

squeeze
LOOK, AI...
...I FEEL YOUR PAIN... YOUR ANGER... YOUR FRUSTRATION...
...BUT I CAN'T LET YOU GO THROUGH ALL OF THAT WITHOUT REMINDING YOU HOW MUCH EVERYONE AROUND YOU NEEDS YOU. WE'RE ALL HERE FOR YOU--AND BECAUSE OF YOU.

PRINCESS, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM VIOLENCE...
BUT THEY INSULTED ME! I HEARD THEM SAY I'M WILD AND RAUCOUS LIKE A BEAST!!
I should've done some kickboxing moves on 'em
FORGET THEM, PRINCESS.
I HATE THEM...
LISSA...
...THE SERVANTS WERE SPREADING HIDEOUS RUMORS AGAIN!
WORDS FROM MY PAST...
IT'S COMING BACK TO ME...
THEY MADE ME SO MAD THAT I KICKED THEM!
LISSA...?
YES, PRINCESS?
IT'S SO NEEDED--YOUR BEAUTY, YOUR VOICE, YOUR GLITTERING AURA...
BUT PLEASE SING FOR ME--FOR ALL OF US.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ENJOY IT OR EVEN FAKE A SMILE.
BUT LET YOUR VOICE OUT FOR THE REST OF US.
IF YOU NEED TO WALLOW IN DESOLATION, FINE.
YOU CAN HATE YOURSELF, BUT THAT'S NOT THE REAL YOU.
...RETURN TO LOVE...?
MY HATE...
LET YOUR PAIN OUT SO YOUR HATE CAN RETURN TO LOVE.

...WHY WON'T YOU TELL ME?
LISSA..
...BUT CAN YOU AT LEAST TELL ME ONE THING! DO THE RUMORS INVOLVE ME AT ALL?
PRINCESS...
I'M SO SORRY...
PRINCESS...
. I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE YOU SUFFER..
..NOT KNOWING THE TRUTH..
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT TO PROTECT ME, LISSA...
YOU ARE SMART AND BEAUTIFUL. JEALOUS PEOPLE SAY CRUEL THINGS...

WHAT EXACTLY ARE THE RUMORS ABOUT MY MOTHER, QUEEN LILITH?
PR--
PRIN-CESS...
PLEASE, LISSA, TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW!
I NEVER MET HER... I KNOW SO LITTLE ABOUT HER...

I FINALLY UNDERSTAND
HUH?
..HOW I COULD BE DOUGEN.
I FINALLY...
...REMEMBER.
IF I'M DOUGEN--AND NOT OF HUMAN BLOOD--
BUT THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T GET...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S COME BACK TO ME.
--THEN WHY DO I HAVE THE ROYAL BIRTHMARK OF A RED ROSE?
I DON'T KNOW WHO MY REAL MOTHER IS.
QUEEN LILITH WAS NOT YOUR MOTHER.
WHY ALL THE LIES...?
WHY..
FORGIVE US ALL--SO YOUR HATE WITHIN CAN RETURN TO LOVE...
...I WOULD BE EXECUTED. DON'T HATE HIM FOR THIS, PRINCESS.
YOUR FATHER, KING SEI--IF HE KNEW I TOLD YOU...
PRINCESS, I'M SO SORRY...

AI, YOU'RE WRONG.
AND THAT'S WHY HE WAS ALWAYS SO STRICT WITH ME GROWING UP...
WHAT ...!
YOUR FATHER MUST HAVE LOVED YOUR MOTHER VERY MUCH.
JUST LIKE THE LOVE I FELT BEFORE...
LOVE BETWEEN DOUGEN AND HUMAN... FORBIDDEN LOVE.
IF NOT, HE WOULDN'T HAVE NAMED YOU "AI," MEANING "LOVE."
...BETWEEN NORA AND ME... FORBIDDEN...

YEAH, THIS ONE HERE. IT'S NOT A TATTOO--I WAS BORN WITH THIS...
BIRTHMARK?
MAYBE YOU'RE HALF DOUGEN AND HALF HUMAN.
My father has one same one.
YEAH, LIKE ME. I'M HALF JAPANESE AND HALF AMERICAN.
HALF?
IF YOU'RE THE CHILD OF A HUMAN FATHER AND A DOUGEN MOTHER, YOU'RE HALF, TOO.
I KNOW!
MY FATHER-- THAT ASSHOLE MUST HAVE RAPED A DOUGEN WOMAN!
IMPOS-SIBLE!
MY FATHER HATES DOUGEN.
AND THE DOUGEN HATE HUMANS EVEN MORE!
BUT IT'S THE ONLY LOGICAL CONCLUSION...

ka-
chak
DAMN...

IF YOU DON'T FEEL UP TO IT, I'LL LET THEM KNOW.
PRINCESS. ARE YOU THERE?
knock
knock
YOSH!..
PRINCESS, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO ON STAGE. ARE YOU READY?
I DON'T KNOW...
YOU OKAY?
I'M NOT REALLY IN THE MOOD TO SING...
I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT.
...JEN WOULD'VE BEEN DISAP-POINTED IF I QUIT NOW.
BUT...

OH..
YEAH, SURE.
YES, PRINCESS AI WILL BECOME THE GREATEST ROCK DIVA WHO EVER LIVED.
THE BOSS IS EXPECTING US TO EXECUTE OUR ASSIGNMENTS TO A TEE.

OF COURSE NOT.
TAKESHI, I'M AWARE THAT YOU'RE THE BOSS' GO-TO GUY, BUT ARE YOU SLIPPING?
HM?
OH, YEAH, GOT IT.
TAKESHI, AI'S GOING ON.
IT SEEMS HE CALLED THE COPS ABOUT LAST NIGHT'S INCIDENT.
WELL, YOU KNOW AI'S TAG-ALONG--
--WHAT'S HIS NAME-- KENT?
PERFECT PLAN?
I HOPE YOU DO. I'D HATE TO SEE YOUR SLIP-UPS GET IN THE WAY OF THE BOSS' PERFECT PLAN.
LEAVE IT ALONE.
I'VE GOT IT COVERED.

OF COURSE THE TENKETSU INSIDE WOULD EASILY KILL A HUMAN
WITH IT I CAN CAPTURE AND SEAL AWAY ANY AI LANDER
IT'S MY OWN SPECIAL CREATION
THAT ARROW
I'LL HANG BACK AND COVER YOU WHEN YOU ATTACK, MEGGI. KAZ WILL BE PLEASED WHEN--
WELL WELL
GLAD TO HEAR YOU HAVEN'T TURNED
TESS! ALL THREE FURIE SISTERS TOGETHER AGAIN

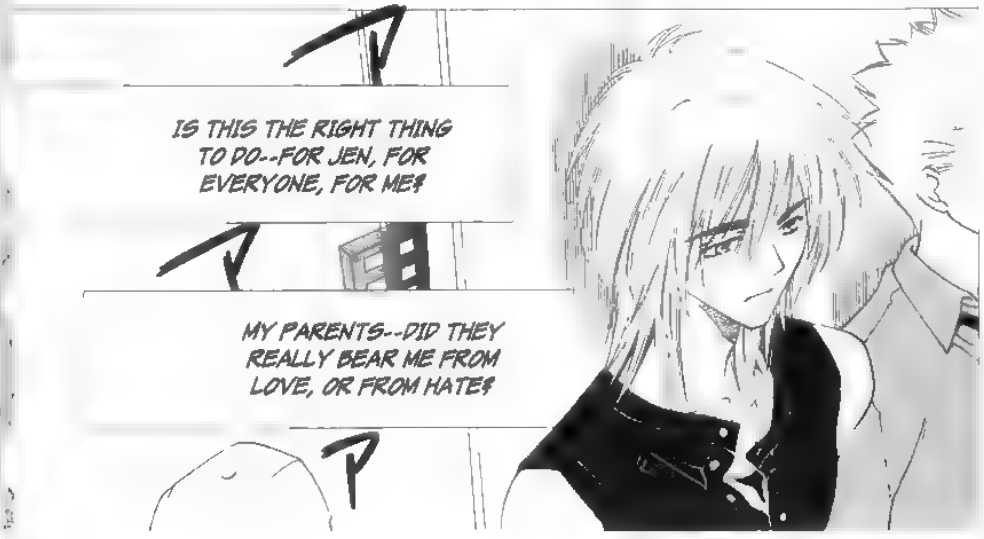
Ai♡
Love Princess Ai
Ai!!
--THIS IS SO COOOOOL!! ♡
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M AT THE FINAL CONCERT--
TIME TO START THE SHOW-- ALL RIGHT!!
GOOD. DON'T FORGET TO DOUBLE-CHECK BELOW THE SEATS FOR YOUR WEAPONS.
EVERYTHING'S READY, LORD ZOROA.
ZZAP
MEGGI
Yack
ALEXA! SO YOU'VE JOINED US HERE ON THE OTHER SIDE! ♡

YEAAAH!
AWLRIIIIGHT!
Hello!!
Everybody♡
WOOOO!

I WON'T LET EITHER OF YOU HARM PRINCESS AI!
Hmph!
YEEEEAH!

...BUT THE HORRIBLE CRIMES OF MY WORLD...
...HAUNT THE SOULS OF MY PEOPLE.
DARKNESS...
Kick
I'VE TRIED TO IGNORE THE DARKNESS I FEEL ALL AROUND ME...

THE CLOSER I GET TO THE STAGE, THE LONELIER I FEEL.



YEAAHHHH!!!!
IT'S PRINCESS AI!!!!!
Princess AI
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FINALLY
YOU'VE SHOWN YOURSELF ♡

I was born to the blood of Angels
Born through the ve[illegible]form

MY SONGS... WHERE DO THEY COME FROM!
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT...
Now it's time to show you what I'm really all about...
I JUST FEEL THE SONGS, THE LYRICS...
LIKE A MUSE LIVING IN MY SUBCONSCIOUS...
No more pretensions; no more frothing at the mouth.
There's no use hiding all my sins deep inside; I'll wear them on my shoulder as a badge of pride!

Ποοοο!
throw
throw
Boss Flower Attack Part 2
Welcome Princess
Born without Love inside me.
Born with a need to perform
Born out of vengeance, born out of scorn, Born out of hatred, out of love torn...
Born with a mission, born with a drive,
Born with a need, with a will to survive...

!!
I'm a Daughter of Death
From my very first breath!
I'm a Daughter of Death,
Blood red as Macbeth!
KENT--
WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?!
I'm a...
AI!!
...Daughter of Death!

whack!
TESS,
STOP IT
ALREADY!
NO
MEGGI
GIVE
IT
Hmm!!
A
SHADOW
IN THE
LIGHTS..
TESS.
I NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D SEE
YOU LIKE
THIS.
YOU'RE
BOTH
WRONG
ABOUT
PRINCESS
AI!
OWOW
ALEXA

The darkness of doom surrounds me,
the Daughter of Death...

Princess Evolution

CHAPTER

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NO! I'M NOT LEAVING YOU ALONE, KENT.
...GET OFF THE... STAGE..
AI...
DRAT! THAT JERK BLOCKED MY SHOT!
I'VE ONLY GOT A FEW ARROWS LEFT
MY DARLING KENT--!
HIKARU!
HEY!

KENT!!!

FORGET MY SEARCH--AND THE ANSWERS I'M SUPPOSED TO FIND. IT'S NOT WORTH LOSING YOU!
FORGET AI-LAND! MY CLOSEST FRIENDS ARE DYING HERE!
DARKNESS IS CALLING ME...
...
AI...
DARKNESS...ON BEHALF OF DEATH...
I FOUND...
...MY MEANING ...
...YOUR SEARCH...
DON'T GIVE... UP...

OPEN YOUR EYES-- I CAN'T LOSE YOU NEXT! OH, KENT-- I'M SO SORRY!
PLEASE, NO!
PLEASE... DON'T GIVE UP...YOU ARE SO IMPORTANT TO SO MANY PEOPLE, AI... I DID WHAT I WAS HERE TO DO...
AI...IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT...
LIKE JEN...I'LL ALWAYS... BE WITH YOU. WE BELIEVE... IN YOU... WE KNOW YOU...CAN SAVE YOUR HOME...
YOU'RE... NOT ALONE, AI.
I CAN'T BEAR TO BE ALONE-- IN THE DARKNESS-- WITHOUT YOU.
NO, KENT! DON'T LEAVE ME!

KENT, NO!
OPEN YOUR EYES!
KENT ...!
KENT!!
THE DARKNESS CREEPS INSIDE...
LOOKS LIKE THE POOR LITTLE PRINCESS IS IN PAIN♡
EVIL

TO GIVE...
...ALL MY LIFE... ALL MY LOVE... TO YOU, AI...

Don't let me go there.
I'm not looking for fair...
...BUT SOMETHING'S... DIFFERENT...
SHE'S...
...SINGING...
...I'm just looking for where...
...I can point this thing
And blast away blast away blast away!!
They say life ain't fair...
AI...
I CAN'T LOOK.
GET AI OFF-STAGE NOW!
STOP THE SHOW!
MEGGI NOW'S THE PERFECT TIME TO CAPTURE MISS AI.
SOMETHING SEEMS STRANGE LIKE A SWITCH HAS FLIPPED INSIDE HER.
I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT BUT

pull
I'LL GET THAT BITCH EVEN IF I USE UP ALL MY ARROWS!
MEGGI YOU MISSED!
MEGGI YOU'VE LOST IT
ALEXA!
WATCH MEGGI I'LL HANDLE MISS AI MYSELF
SIS!
TESS I KNOW YOU'RE NOW LOYAL TO MISS AI BUT THINK OF WHAT'S BEST
WE WERE SENT TO CAPTURE AI NOT KILL HER
BUT AT THIS RATE MEGGI WON'T STOP UNTIL AI'S DEAD

BOTH OF YOU, GET THE HELL OUTTA MY WAY--
HEY, DON'T PUSH ME!
SHUT UP--
YOU SUCK!
MAN, WHAT'S UP WITH THIS SHOW?!
BITE ME!
SCREW YOU, ASSHOLE!
ME, TOO.
I FEEL SICK
THIS SUCKS!

You're gonna feel this,
You won't forget it.
No way to heal this,
So you'll regret it!
AI...
HER WRATH IS INFECTING EVERYONE!
NOW WE SEE THE REAL YOU
MISS AI

HER PAIN FROM JEN'S DEATH AND NOW KENT'S HAS ERUPTED AS PURE HATRED THE ENTIRE STADIUM'S GOING INSANE
THIS HAS GONE TOO FAR PRINCESS AI'S NEGATIVE ENERGY IS CAUSING A FULL FLEDGED RIOT
SMASH IT OVER HIS HEAD--KILL HIM!
I'M NOT GOING TO LET ALEXA CAPTURE AI' THE GLORY-- AND THE PRAISE FROM KAZ-- IS MINE'
A LITTLE ANGRY ARE WE MISS AI'
COME AND GET ME!!
YOU WANT ME!
!
.....
THE TWO OF YOU JUST DON'T GET IT

REFLECT YOUR TRUE SELF--YOU'RE A DESTROYER JUST LIKE YOUR FELLOW HUMANS.
YOUR FANS.
LET IT BURN!
THE STAGE IS ON FIRE!
MISS AI TAKE A LOOK AT THE RIOT YOU'VE CAUSED
I DON'T NEED ANSWERS ANYMORE. YOU CAN ALL JUST DIE!
BUT NOW ALL YOU'VE DONE IS TAKEN THOSE I LOVE!
I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU DOUGEN! I TRIED TO FIND THE ANSWERS--THE WAY TO SAVE YOUR KIND.

IMAGINE ENTIRE FAMILIES BEING TAKEN AS SLAVES MURDERED TORTURED FORCED TO DO UNTHINKABLE THINGS HOW WOULD YOU FEEL THEN?
LET ME TELL YOU A BIT ABOUT REAL PAIN REAL SUFFERING.
TWO FRIENDS HAVE DIED--SO NOW YOU'RE DEMANDING BLOODY REVENGE. HOW QUAINT
EVEN KAZ WANTS FREEDOM MORE THAN REVENGE.
WE FIGHT TO FREE OURSELVES--NOT FOR REVENGE.
THAT IS WHAT YOU HUMANS HAVE DONE TO US DOUGEN.
IT WAS YOU--YOU SHOT THAT ARROW!
YOU KILLED KENT!!
BUT REVENGE SEEMS TO BE ALL YOU SEEK.

TAKESHI!
SEEMS PRETTY CLEAR TO ME NOW--I JUST PULL THIS TRIGGER, AND YOU'RE GONE.
HARD TO BELIEVE I WAS TORN OVER DOING THIS.
...ALL ALONE WITH NOTHING BUT ANGER.
I'M HATED BY DOUGEN, HATED BY HUMANS...
IT'S CLEAR AS CRYSTAL TO ME.
YOU MIGHT AS WELL SHOOT-- AND PUT ME OUT OF MY MISERY.

UMPH!
BE STILL.

WHAT THE --?
FREEZE
!!
I COULDN'T LET YOU GET SHOT STOPPING TIME SEEMED LIKE THE RIGHT THING TO DO
YES, MISS AI-- ONE OF MY HANDY LITTLE POWERS
TAKESHI, THE AUDIENCE, EVERYTHING..
TAKESHI'S GUN--
!
IT'S ALL FROZEN...

CLICK
WHAT...
...AM I--?

IS THAT WHAT YOU BELIEVE MISS AI?
OH BEHALF OF DEATH?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KILLED KENT--
DOES IT CAUSE YOU FEAR?
--HOW DO YOU KNOW THE DEATH-BIRD ISN'T HERE FOR YOU?

THAT BIRD--
--IT'S THE SAME KIND I SAW WHEN JEN DIED.
IT'S A BIRD OF PREY-- HERE ON BEHALF OF DEATH.

--WHY, IS IT POINTING DOWN?, WASN'T HE ABOUT TO SHOOT ME..?
HUMANS ARE SO FOOLISH
THEY'LL KILL ANYTHING EVEN THEIR OWN KIND
INFLUENCED BY YOUR OWN BLOODLUST THAT HUMAN WAS READY TO KILL YOU. HOW IRONIC

BECAUSE I'M A DESTROYER! TAKESHI'S ACTIONS...
...JEN'S DEATH...
...KENT'S DEATH-- WERE ALL CAUSED BY ME, BY THIS RAGE I HAVE INSIDE?

caw
caw
!
THOSE BIRDS-- HOW CAN THEY FLY WHEN I'VE FROZEN TIME?!

MEGGI S ARROW!
Kick
NOW YOU'LL PAY FOR KENT'S MURDER!!
YOUR TIME ON EARTH HAS COME TO AN END'
I VE HAD ENOUGH MISS AI'
Grab
HMPH

glance
!
TAKESHI--
YOU WERE
READY
TO SHOOT
ME...
WHY IS
YOUR GUN
POINTING
DOWN?
IF MY
WRATH
DID
AFFECT
YOU...
...WAS
SOMETHING
INSIDE
YOUR HEART
ABLE TO
OVERCOME
IT?
SNIFF

THANK
YOU
FOR
YOUR
SONG.
!
LET
YOUR
PAIN
OUT SO
YOUR
HATE
CAN
RETURN
TO LOVE.
THANK
YOU FOR
BRINGING
A LIGHT
INTO MY
DARKNESS.
AI..
YOU
ARE SO
SPECIAL
...
PLEASE
KEEP
SINGING
AND
TOUCHING
HEARTS
FOREVER.
WHAT
GOOD
IS
LOVE?
WHAT'S...
...OVER!
DON'T
HATE
HIM
FOR
THIS,
PRIN-
CESS.
FORGIVE
US ALL--
SO YOUR
HATE WITHIN
CAN RETURN
TO LOVE..

I WANT TO BE SOMEONE...
...WHO CREATES... AND NURTURES... LOVE!
I...
HER TEARS ARE RED
..LIKE THE RED TEARS OF ANGELS BLOOD?
flutter
!

TO GIVE... ALL MY LIFE...
...ALL MY LOVE... TO YOU, AI...
I FOUND... MY MEANING...
drop
I'M NOT... CAN'T BE...A DESTROYER!
KENT...

I CANNOT TELL YOU WHO YOU ARE OR GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS YOU'VE SOUGHT
BUT THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU'VE LEARNED SINCE YOU'VE COME HERE--TO THE OTHER SIDE
AI, EVERYONE HAS THE POWER TO EITHER DESTROY OR CREATE. YOU JUST HAVE IT ON A GREATER SCALE.
THE ANSWER YOU SEEK IS WITHIN YOU.
I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN--
MISS AI--
YOU'VE STARTED TIME FLOWING AGAIN!
Plop
HOW --?
OH! THE RED BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY!

FA'AN ?!
THAT VOICE --!
DO YOU FEEL DIFFERENT NOW THAN YOU DID A FEW MINUTES AGO WHEN YOU WERE ANGRY?
AI, YOU HAVE FINALLY DISCOVERED THE TRUTH INSIDE OF YOU.
WHY DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH? AND WHO AM I?!
FA'AN, WHO ARE YOU?
PUT IT THIS WAY, AI--I WATCH OVER YOU.
I'M A WATCHER... KIND OF A GUARDIAN ANGEL.
DON'T YOU THINK CALLING ME "DEATH-BIRD" WAS A BIT HARSH?
--I SUPPOSE IT'S A COMPLIMENT.
THOUGH SINCE DEATH IS NOTHING MORE THAN A NEW BEGINNING--

KENT...
...I'VE CHOSEN.
IF THE ANSWERS TO MY SEARCH ARE WITHIN ME...
...THEN MAYBE THEY SHOULD BE WHAT I CHOOSE THEM TO BE.
PERFECT TIMING, SIR.
Switch
WHAT'S THE STATUS OF MY ROCK DIVA?
HIRO, I'VE ARRIVED AT THE STADIUM.
YOU'RE JUST IN TIME TO WATCH HER DIE.

WHOA..
Click
YOU WERE THERE, KENT, TO HELP ME BEGIN MY SEARCH.
I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST FOUND THIS BOOK.

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CHAPTER

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IT'S PITCH DARK!
A BLACK-OUT?!
WAAGH!
!!
IS THIS HAYABUSA'S PLAN B?
WHAT HAPPENED? DID AI ESCAPE?
SOME-THING'S UP

I'M A CREATOR-- A PROVIDER-- OF LOVE.
I'M NOT A DESTROYER.

...IS...
...I NEED...
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO CAPTURE AI!
WHAT .
NOTHING GOOD COMES FROM DARK-NESS.
gleam
SAYONARA, PRINCESS AI!
LIGHT!!
BLAM

FEAR...
DARKNESS!!
...MADE ME WANT TO HATE AND DESTROY.
THE DARKNESS THAT TRAPPED ME BEFORE...
EVERYONE'S BEEN ACTING SO WEIRD!
I'M SO SCARED-- THIS ISN'T WHAT I CAME HERE FOR!
I hate the dark!
HEY!
WHERE'S THE SHOW?!

FLASH
FLASH
THANK GOD-- I HATED IT DARK.
FLASH
THE LIGHTS ARE BACK ON!
BUT WHERE'S PRINCESS AI?
melt

FLASH

HEY, SORRY FOR PUSHING YOU.
WHY WAS I SO UPSET?
NAW, IT WAS MY FAULT
MISS AI. SHIELDED ME?
I FEEL SO WARM.
CRYSTALS...
...OF LIGHT?
THE WARMTH OF LIGHT AND LOVE--THIS PLACE IS FILLED WITH PRINCESS AI'S POSITIVE ENERGY
A MIRACLE BEFORE MY VERY EYES?
WHAT IS GOING ON?

melt
WH--?
MORE...
...LIGHT...

AI... WHAT ARE YOU...?
.....
WITH THE LOVE THAT EVOLVES FROM THE LIGHT, WE CAN ALL BE SAVED.
I JUST WANTED-- NEEDED-- SOME LIGHT.
SOME LIGHT TO BRING HOPE AND STRENGTH AND... LOVE.
SOME LIGHT TO LEAD US ALL OUT OF WHATEVER DARK PLACE WE'RE IN.
POSITIVE ENERGY MORE POWERFUL THAN TENKETSU!
THE POWER TO CREATE LIGHT
Not even the Angels of Ar-tana have red wings!
HER WINGS-- THEY'VE BECOME COMPLETELY RED

Ai!
Ai!
Ai!
I'm whole with you...
All right, Ai!
We love you, Ai!
I GUESS IT ALSO WORKS THE OTHER WAY--
--THE LIGHT EVOLVED FROM THE LOVE INSIDE ME...
...AND THE LOVE INSIDE ME CAME FROM ALL OF YOU...
...FROM JEN, FROM KENT, FROM THE PEOPLE AROUND ME...
...AND FROM THOSE WHO LISTENED TO MY SONG.

BUT I HAD HER RIGHT IN MY SIGHTS--A PERFECT SHOT.
I... MISSED?
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?
HOLD ON FOR A SEC, HAYABUSA.
BOTH TAKESHI AND HIRO HAVE FAILED ME.

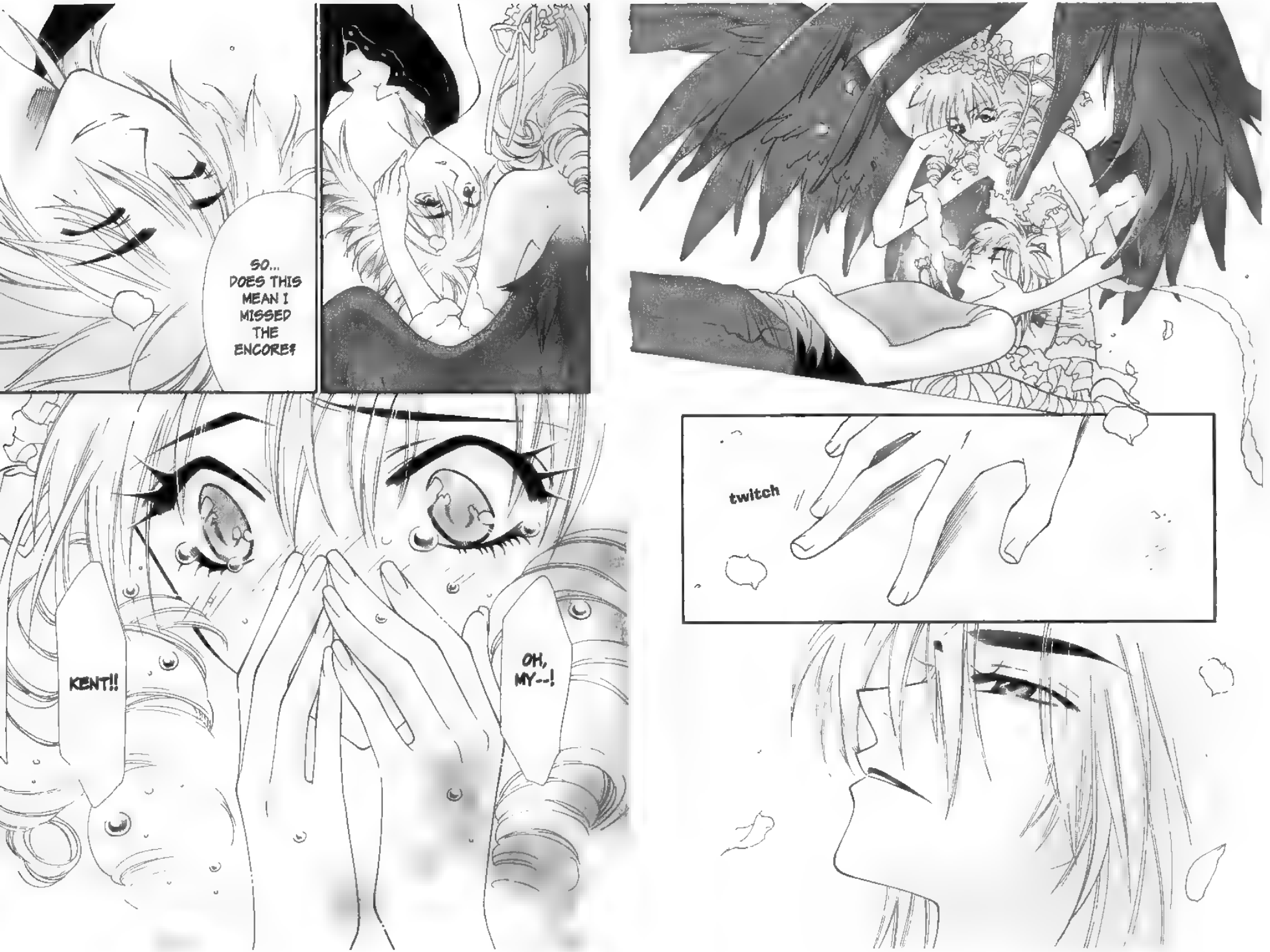
You're whole with me..
There's something here for us to be...
In this lonely world, with our lonely lives...
Nothing can conquer our whole love tonight.
Yeaaahh!

I'm whole with you...
gleam
You're whole with me..
glitter
COULD IT BE...?
tip

...AND AS AN UNDERCOVER DETECTIVE, I HEREBY ARREST YOU FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER.
As well as various other crimes, such as tax evasion, assault and battery, extortion, bribing a police officer, parking in a handicapped space, jaywalking, etc etc etc etc ..
I'VE RECORDED AS MANY INCRIMINATING CONVERSATIONS AS I COULD...
U-UNDER ARREST?! WH-WHAT DID I DO...?
JUST COME WITH ME!
WHAT --?
WH--
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FIRED THAT GUN!
I'M TAKING YOU IN!
WELL... YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT THAT RAISE NOW.

KENT, I BELIEVE YOU STILL HAVE THE SEED OF LIFE INSIDE...
PLEASE...
.LET THE POWER OF OUR LOVE MAKE IT BLOOM.
!

AND...IT'S GLOWING!
THE PENDANT I GAVE KENT--
--IT STOPPED THE ARROW FROM GOING ALL THE WAY IN!
drop
IN AI-LAND, ROSES SYMBOLIZE HUMANS AS ANEMONES DO THE DOUGEN.
BUT I, AM NEITHER ONE NOR THE OTHER. I STEM FROM BOTH... AND THAT FUSION IS THE SOURCE OF MY POWER.
A ROSE...
AND AN ANEMONE.


SO... DOES THIS MEAN I MISSED THE ENCORE?
twitch
KENT!!
OH, MY--!

I bled so much I thought I'd die,
Without believing I had one more try...
But now my search has ended,
Now what's lost is found...
If our love is freedom,
Then with you I'm bound.

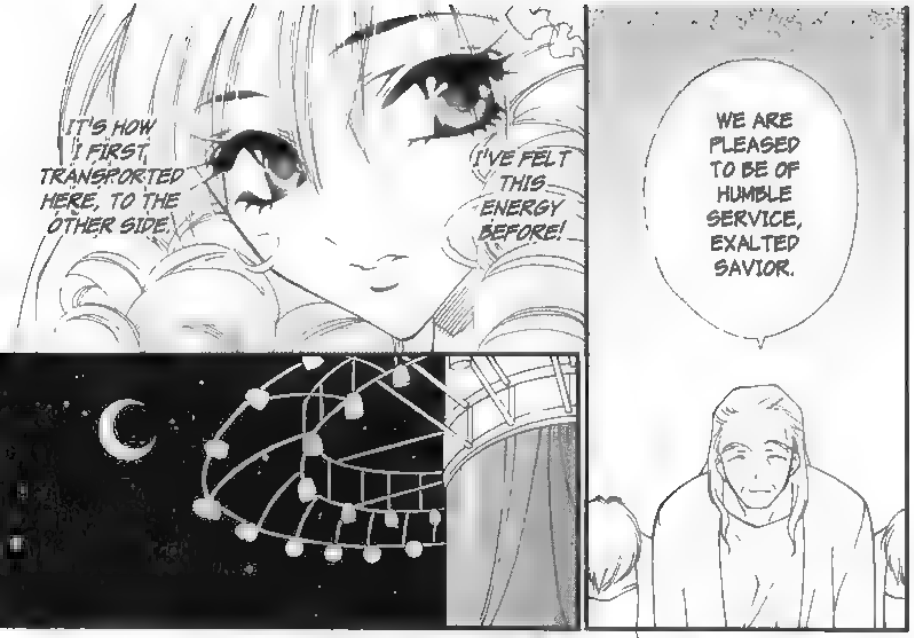
Yeaah!!
WHEW, I FELL FOR IT!
LOOKS LIKE THAT GUY DYING WAS JUST PART OF THE ACT.
KENT ...
HIKARU! LOOK! LOOK!
HE'S ALIVE!

HIKARU..
DARN YOU, DARN YOU, DARN YOU!
PRINCESS, LEAVE THEM BE...
KENT!
PRIN-CESS--

Yeeeah!
Nothing can conquer our whole love tonight.

I DON'T THINK I CAN BEAR IT.
YOU CAN'T TAKE OUR PRINCESS!
WE WANT HER TO STAY HERE WITH US.
WE AREN T ABLE TO TRANSPORT YOU EITHER, SINCE YOUR FLASH OF LIGHT WE RE UNABLE TO CONTACT AI-LAND
TESS, ONE PROBLEM-- I HAVE NO CLUE HOW TO DO IT.
...BUT IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO HOME.
YOSHI, I'M SORRY.
I'D LOVE TO STAY HERE IF I COULD...

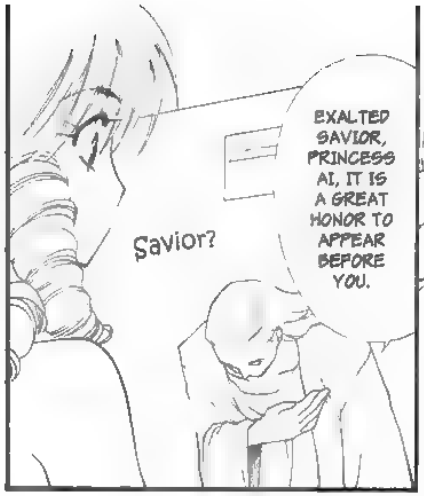
IT SEEMS TO US..
TESS...
.LIKE YOU HAVE FOUND THE ANSWERS YOU SOUGHT
SHALL WE
.MAKE OUR JOURNEY HOME?
THE POWER YOU HAVE DISCOVERED WITHIN YOURSELF IS DESPERATELY NEEDED IN AI-LAND.


IT'S HOW I FIRST TRANSPORTED HERE, TO THE OTHER SIDE.
I'VE FELT THIS ENERGY BEFORE!
WE ARE PLEASED TO BE OF HUMBLE SERVICE, EXALTED SAVIOR.

THANK YOU, YOSHI.
PRINCESS, I WISH I COULD SEE YOU OFF WITH A SMILE, BUT IT'S JUST SO HARD ON ME.

THE CLOUDS HAVE ALL CLEARED.
THE SKY IS FULL OF STARS

YOU WERE ONE OF A KIND, AI.
GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND A NEW DIVA, TAKESHI.

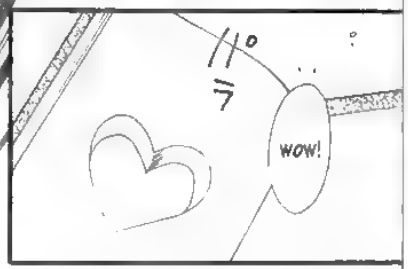

Savior?
EXALTED SAVIOR, PRINCESS AI, IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU.

PLEASE FORGIVE US FOR INTERRUPTING ...
WHO --?
I RECOGNIZE THEM FROM THE NEWS-- THE SEERS!

IT'S SIMILAR TO THE RED BOOK FA'AN GAVE ME EARLIER-- THE ONE FROM THE LIBRARY.
A BOOK FROM AI-LAND?

EXALTED SAVIOR, IT IS OUR DUTY TO DELIVER THIS HOLY TOME TO YOU.
SIR EDWIN SEE, OUR WAYWARD EMIR, WROTE THAT YOU WOULD KNOW ITS MEANING.

!!
Flash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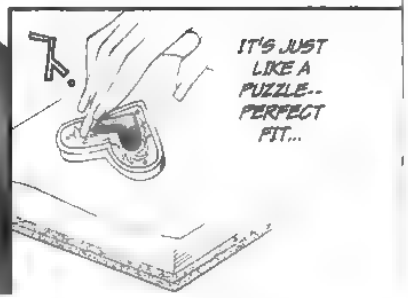
IT'S JUST LIKE A PUZZLE-- PERFECT FIT...

GRAB
AI...
DEEP
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART, AI.
AND YOU'LL ALWAYS BE IN MY SOUL, MY LOVELY KENT.

YOU'RE SELFISH, AI.
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR MAKING MY BELOVED KENT MISERABLE.
I WON'T FORGET YOU EITHER, HIKARU.
Hug
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF KENT.
LOOK, YOU'VE MADE ME CRY!

C
EVEN APART, WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER.

MY COUSIN. EVERY REVOLUTION HAS ITS TURNING POINT. AND THIS IS OURS.
BUT NORA. EVEN WHEN PRINCESS AI ARRIVES BACK HERE IN AI-LAND. WE MUST STILL OVERCOME KING SEI AND THE HUMANS WHO KEEP OUR BRETHREN ENSLAVED
WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE SECOND REVOLUTION?
MY COUSIN--
WHILE NO ONE EXCEPT HER TRUE PARENTS KNOWS THE STORY BEHIND AI'S ORIGIN. ONE THING IS CERTAIN-- THE RESULTING WHOLE GREATLY EXCEEDS THE SUM OF HER TWO PARTS. HER POWER IS BEYOND ANY PURE HUMAN OR PURE DOUGEN. SHE IS THE KEY TO OUR FUTURE TOGETHER.- ONE OF PEACE. ONE OF UNITY AND ONE OF HARMONY
IF EITHER SIDE WINS THROUGH VIOLENCE. IT WILL ONLY BREED A MORE VIOLENT RETALIATION LATER. AS THE FIRST OF A NEW BREED. AI CAN BE PROOF--TO HUMAN AND DOUGEN ALIKE-- THAT OUR RACES ARE CAPABLE OF JOINING TOGETHER. TO CREATE A LIFE GREATER THAN ANYTHING WE'VE SEEN

..THANKS TO AI.
IT SEEMS THINGS HAVE TAKEN A TURN FOR THE BETTER. KAZ.
NORA!
..SOMETHING SO TRUE AND SO GOOD.. THAT IT COULD CHANGE THE WORLD
I DIDN'T. AND SHE STILL HAS MANY SECRETS YET TO BE REVEALED. I JUST KNEW THAT I FELT SOMETHING FROM HER.
NORA. YOU. YOU WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG ABOUT HER. HOW DID YOU KNOW SHE WAS ONE OF US?

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Distant Memories
An Epilogue to the Princess Ai Trilogy

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..AI-CHAN
YOU'VE BECOME SUCH A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN..

I'M SO SORRY--
--I TRULY DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU

Princess Ai

Fin

Daughter of Death (Chapter 13)

I was...
Born to the blood of angels
Born through the veil of a storm
Born without love inside me
Born with a need to perform
Born out of vengeance
Born out of scorn
Born out of hatred
Out of love torn
Born with a mission
Born with a drive
Born with a need
With a will to survive

Now it's time to show you
what I'm really all about
No more pretensions;
no more frothing at the mouth
There's no use hiding
all my sins deep inside
I'll wear them on my shoulder
like a badge of pride

CHORUS:
Cuz I'm a Daughter of Death
From my very first breath
I'm a Daughter of Death
Blood red as Macbeth
I'm a Daughter of Death
Living a filthy mess
I'm a Daughter of Death
Just a Daughter of Death

I was...
Raised from burning ashes
Raised with tragic crime
Raised from cries of chaos
Raised on borrowed time
Raised by the darkness
Raised by the night
Raised by the vultures
By the claws of fright
Raised to be hated
Raised to be loved
Raised to be doomed
By the powers above

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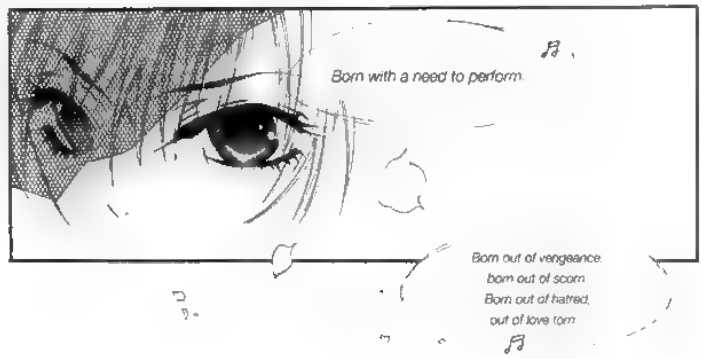

Look Out for Love (When It Wants Revenge) (Chapter 14)

They say life ain't fair
Don't let me go there
I'm not looking for fair
I'm just looking for where
I can point this thing
And blast away blast away
blast away

They say love don't last
That it moves too fast
I see it broken like glass
So I can't get past
Wanting to raise my fist
And smash away smash away
smash away

You're gonna feel this
You won't forget it
No way to heal this
So you'll regret it

Look out for Love
(when it wants revenge)
Look out for my heart
(it'll never mend)
Look out for Fate
(when it screams the end)
Look out for Love
(when it wants revenge)

They say life's short
Reach out for support
Ya think I'm that sort?
If it's my last resort
I open up wide
And scream away scream away
scream away

They say too bad
Both happy and sad
But all the pain I had
Just makes me so mad
I want to pull out my hair
And thrash away thrash away
thrash away

You're gonna feel this
You won't forget it
No way to heal this
So you'll regret it

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Whole (Chapter 15)

I'm whole with you
You're whole with me
There's something here
For us to be
In this lonely world
With our lonely lives
Nothing can conquer
Our whole love tonight.

I felt the pain and let it wallow
I felt the hate so strong yet shallow
No matter where you went
No matter where you'll be
I've got you deep inside
Warm inside me

I bled so much I thought I'd die
Without believing I had one more try
But now my search has ended
Now what's lost is found
If our love is freedom
Then with you I'm bound

I'm whole with you
You're whole with me
There's something here
For us to be
In this lonely world
With our lonely lives
Nothing can conquer
Our whole love tonight.

I cried so hard I had no more tears
So afraid I couldn't face my fears
But when I looked aside
I saw it in your eyes
No more hiding truth
To save our lies

I prayed to be taken far away
Instead of staying I ran astray
Once my legs gave out
My heart gave in
Apart we may lose
But whole we win

I'm whole with you
You're whole with me
There's something here
For us to be
In this lonely world
With our lonely lives
Nothing can conquer
Our whole love tonight.

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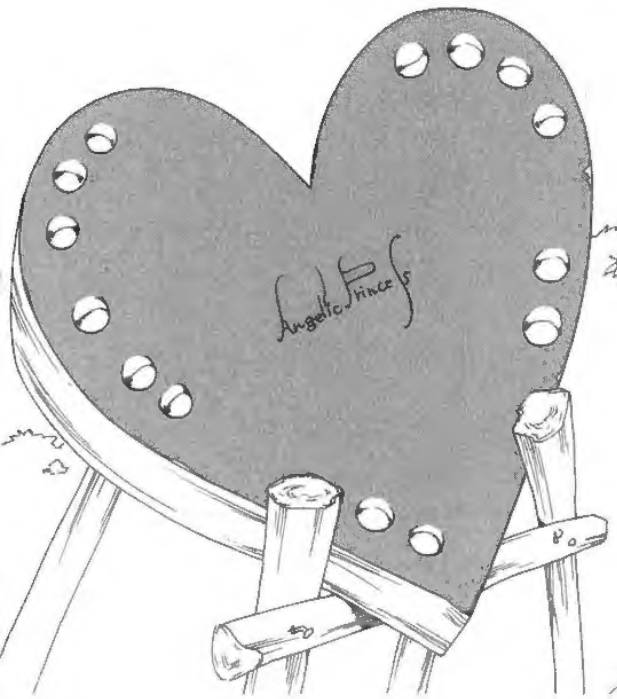
You're whole with me...
There's something here for us to be...
In this lonely world, with our lonely lives...
Nothing can conquer our whole love tonight.

■ Postscript ■

- Hello! This is Misaho Kujiradou.
  You have just read the final volume of *Princess Ai*. I started the series as a total beginner to serialized manga and I'd like to thank all of those who helped me through it.
- This is the end of this Princess Ai series, but I hear the franchise will continue in other forms, so look forward to that!
- For me, this was a very fun job. I was able to draw a lot of the gothic-lolita style that I love and it was so much fun thinking up costumes for Ai-chan! I wish I could keep doing it.
- The color fold-out page was made so that you can put different outfits on Ai yourself. Please cut them out and have fun with it if you wish. You could even create your own outfits!
- Finally, thank you so much for reading this manga until the very end.

Misaho Kujiradou



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